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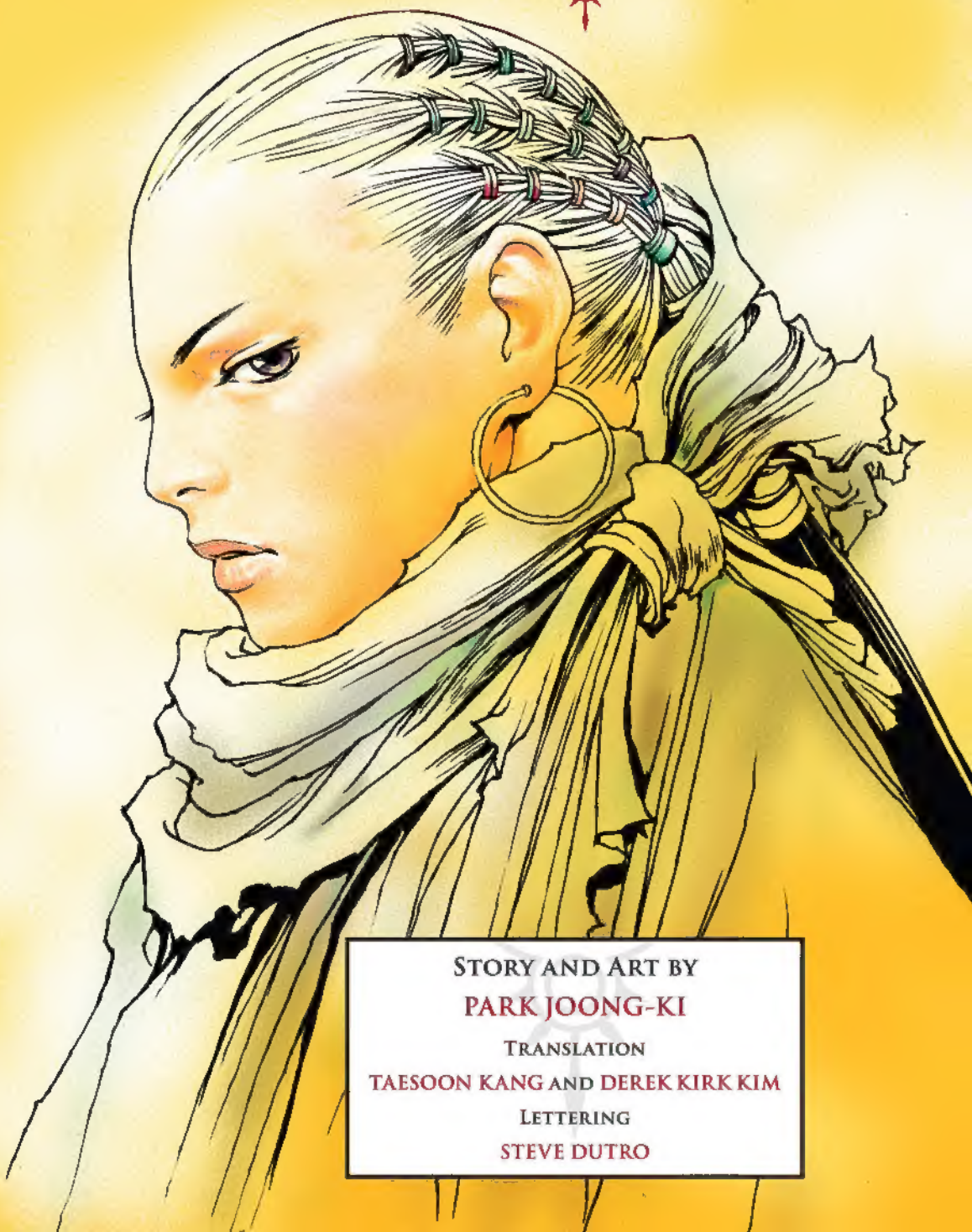

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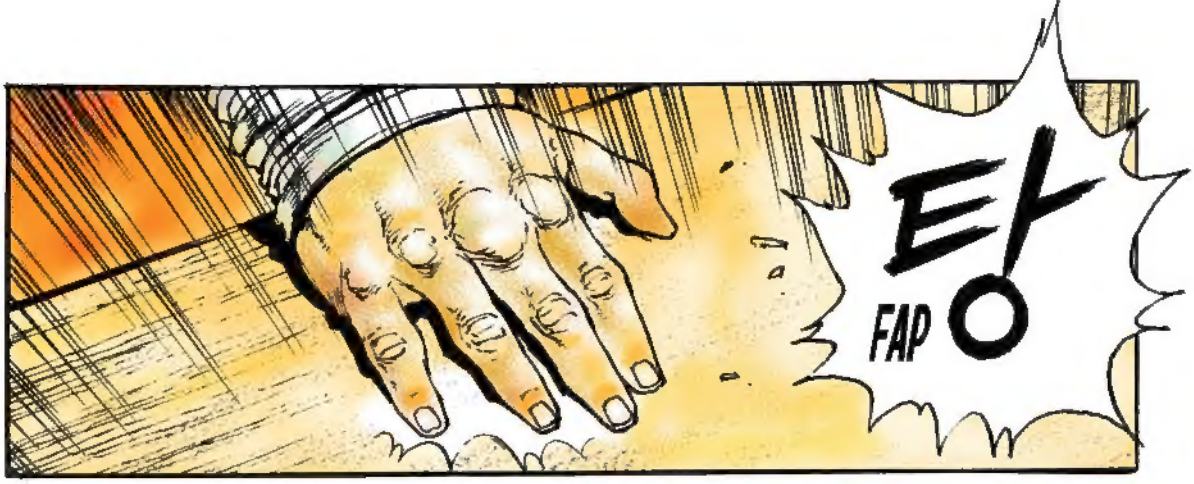
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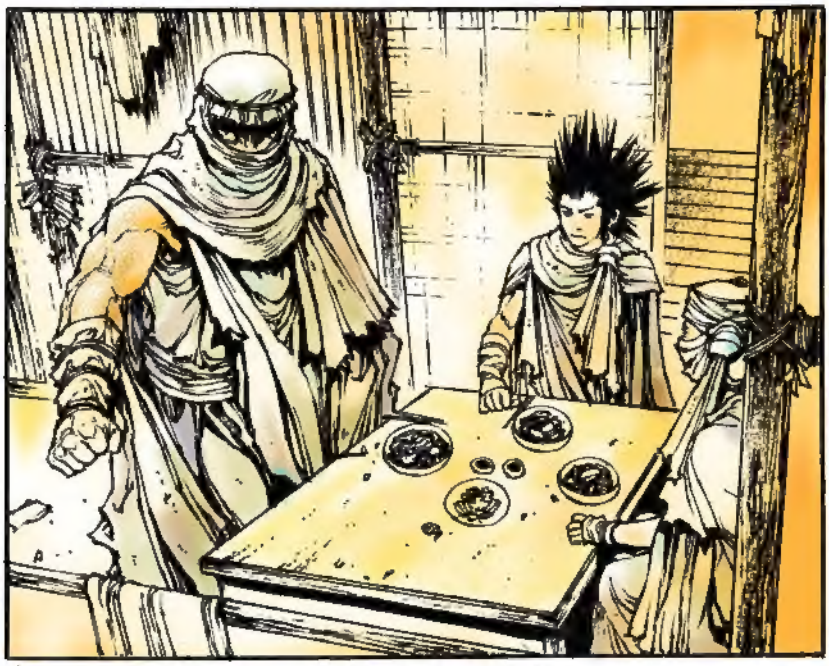

BAAK!

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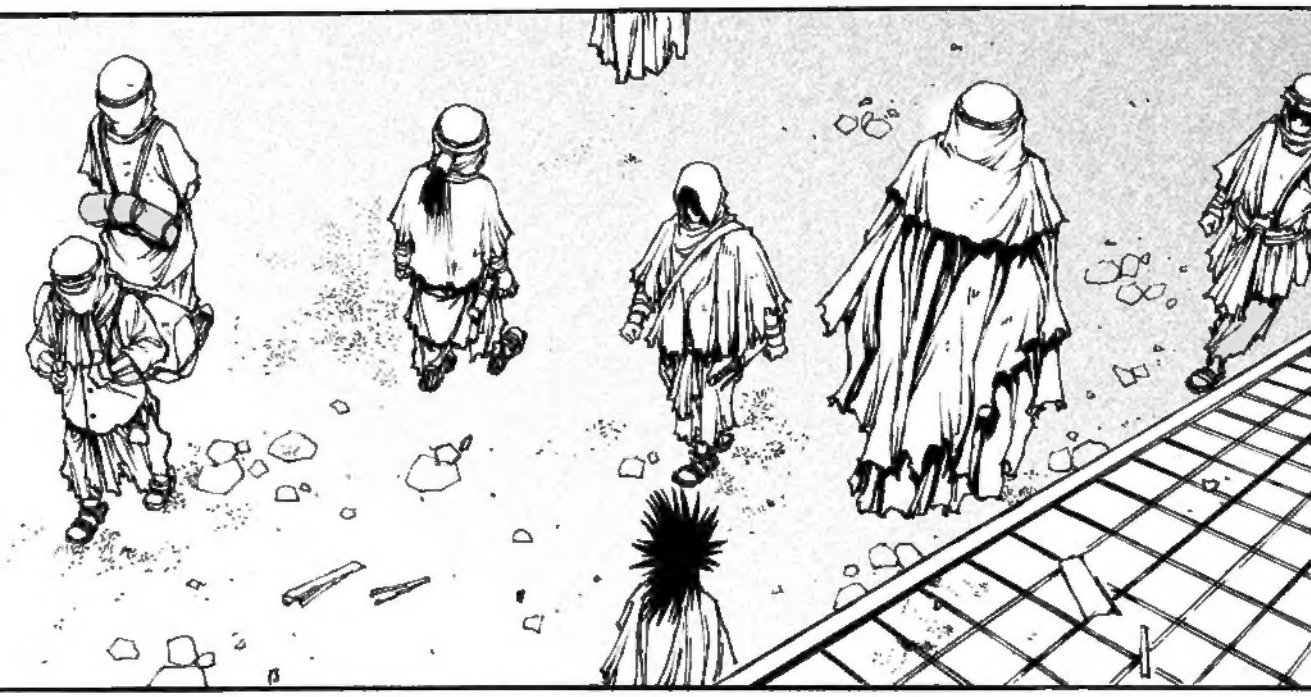
RELAX, DOLLFACE, THIS'LL ONLY TAKE A MINUTE...WE'RE JUST SITTIN' ON OUR BUTTS RIGHT NOW, ANYWAY.
DON'T WORRY, WHEN THE TIME COMES TO DO OUR JOB, WE WILL. 'TIL THEN, JUST MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS.

HEH...
THIS IS A
FUN LITTLE
SURPRISE...



SO YOU WANNA TELL ME WHO THIS "BATU THE DESTROYER" IS?
HE IS THE ONE I REPLACED AS FIGHTING CHAMPION.
I'VE BEEN DYING TO MEET HIM. NOW MY CHANCE HAS FINALLY COME.
THINK HE'S MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU?

OF COURSE NOT... BUT I WANT TO BE SURE...

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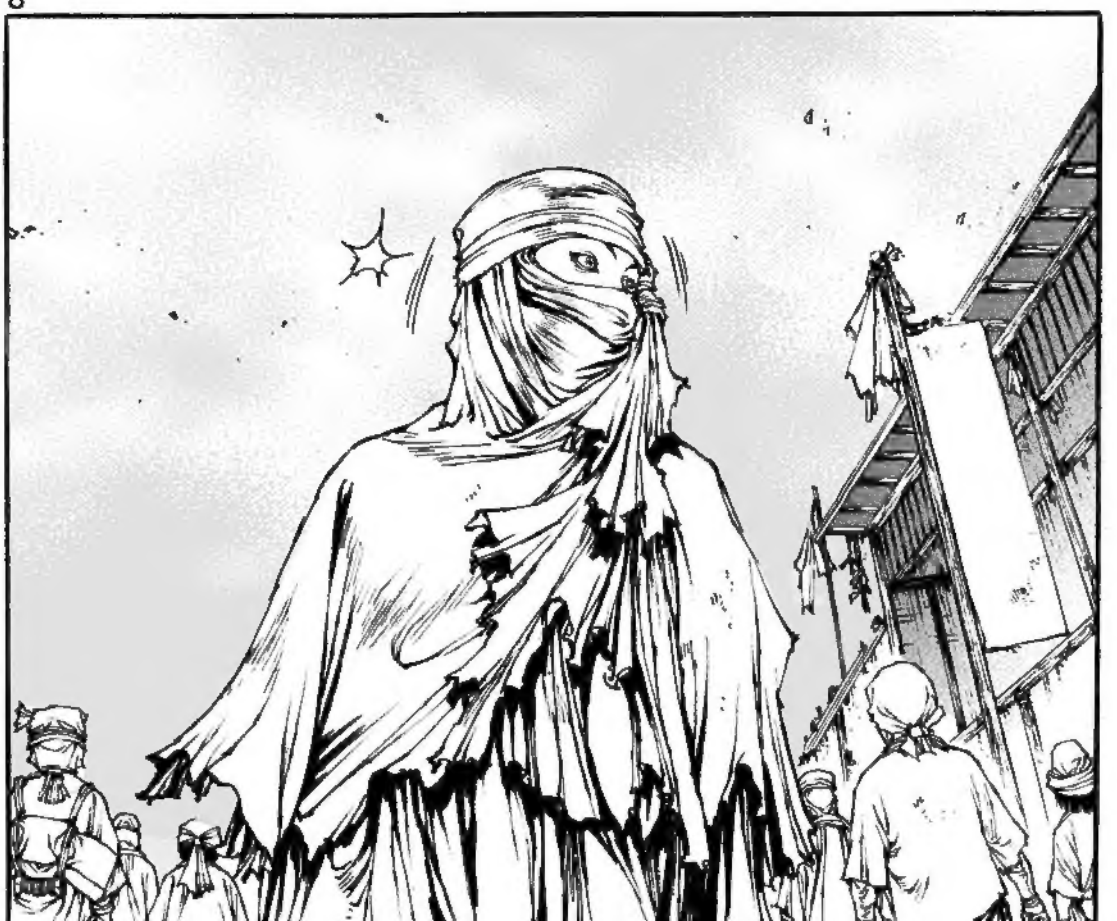
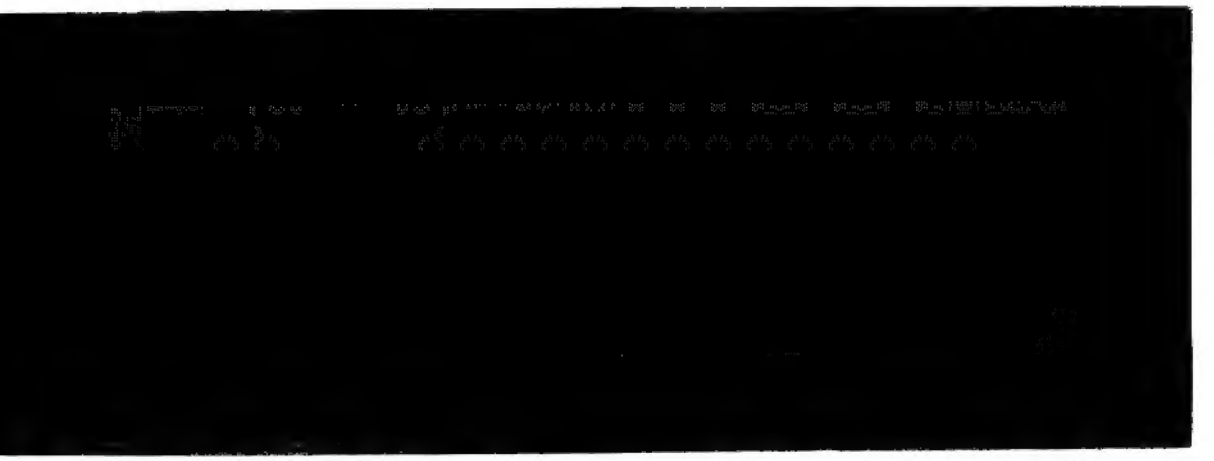
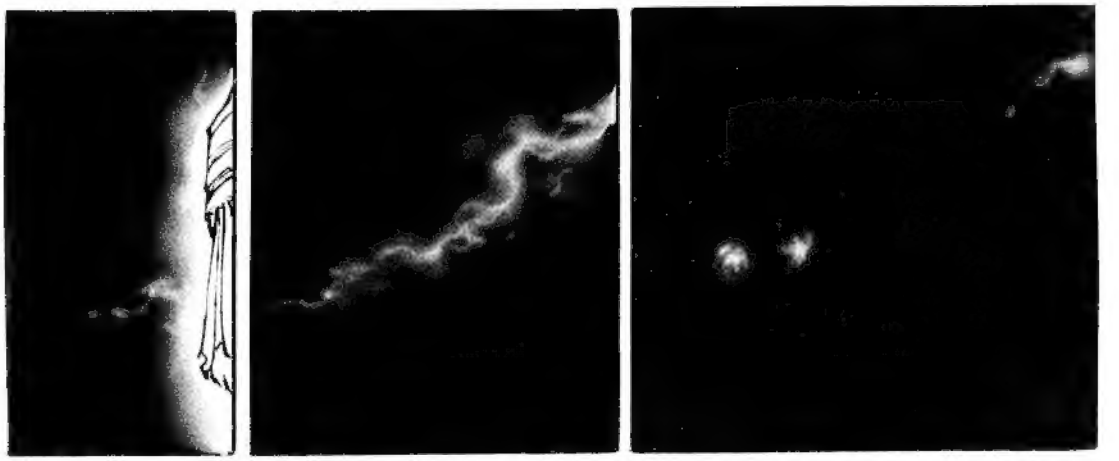


HEY, YOU OKAY...?





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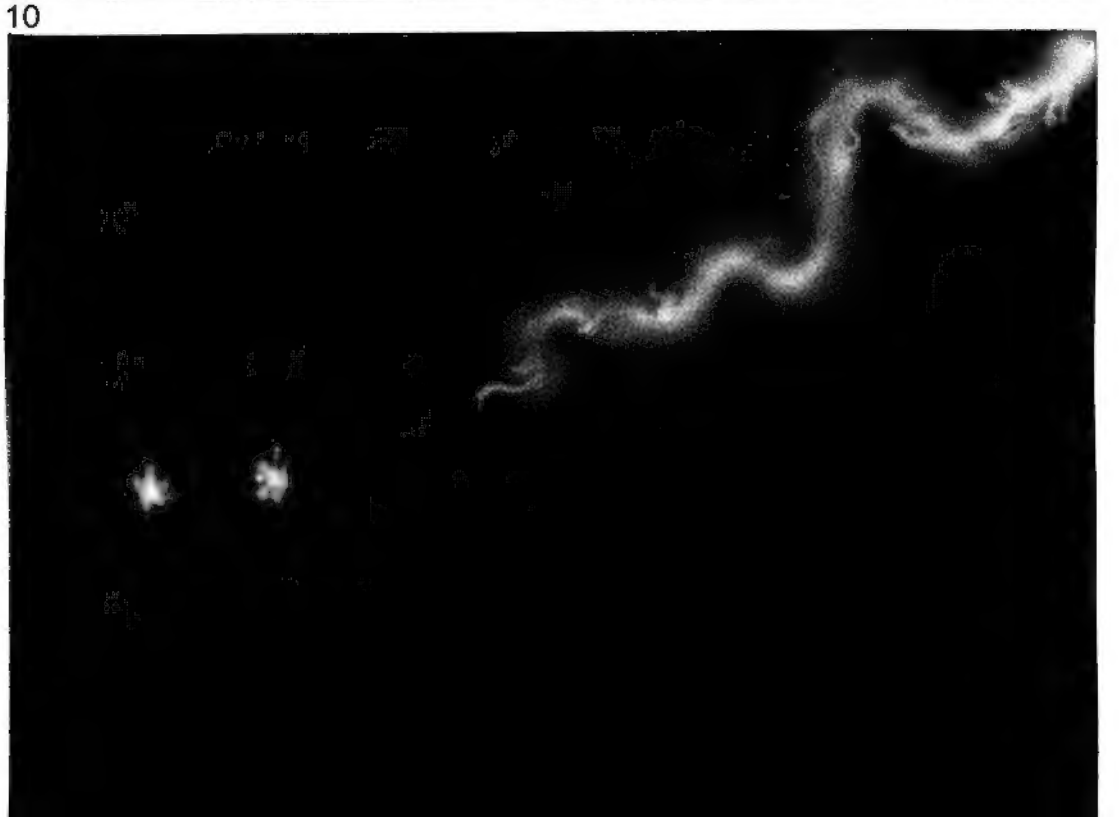

SHAMANS!
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BAAK, LET'S GO!!
DAMN! WHY NOW?

YAHMI, SHOULDN'T WE NOTIFY THE BOSS?
NOT YET! I FELT SOMETHING STRANGE!
I WANT TO BE CERTAIN THEY'RE REALLY SHAMANS!
THEY BOTH EMITTED SHAMAN AURA...
...BUT I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE WHAT I DETECTED AT THAT MOMENT...AM I MISREADING?
WAS IT AN ILLUSION...?
EVEN AFTER CHASING SO MANY SHAMANS... I'VE NEVER FELT SO TERRIFIED...

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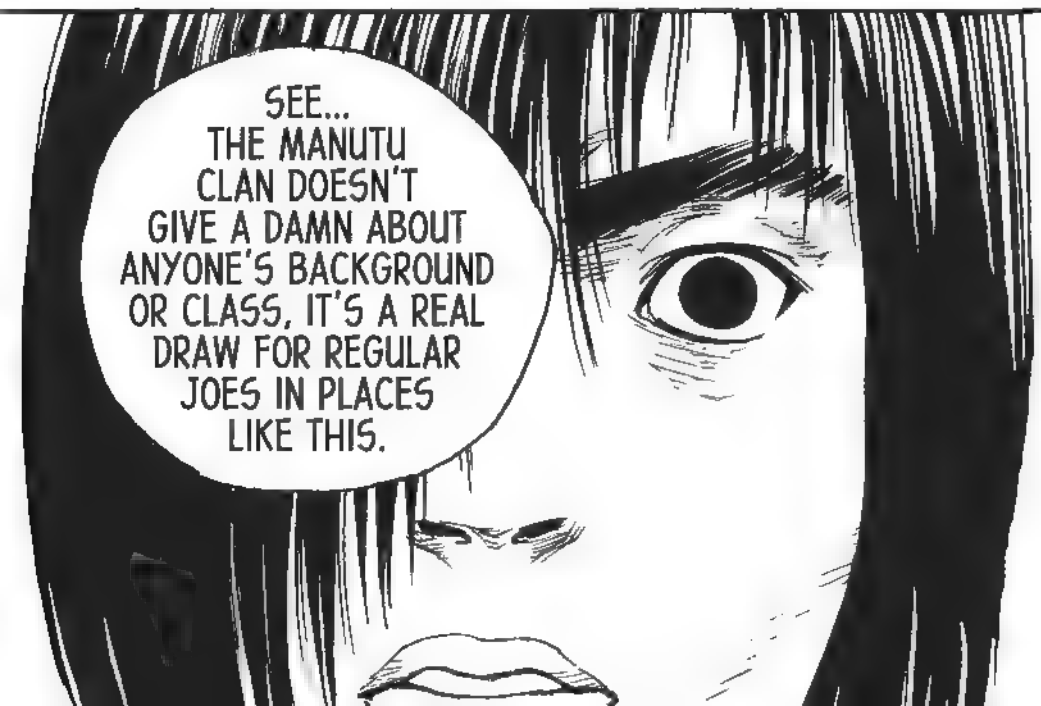
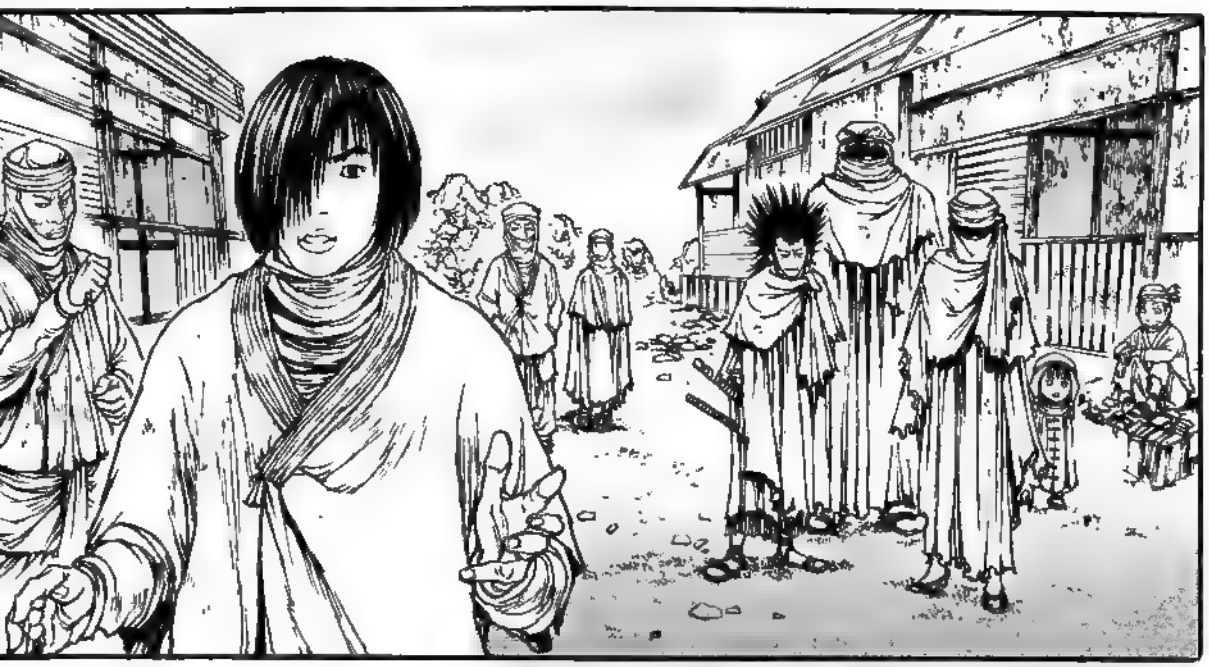
EXCUSE ME...
CHECKPOINTS ON THE WAY TO MANUTU...?
...DO YOU KNOW IF THERE'RE ANY KUGAI RUN CHECKPOINTS BETWEEN HERE AND MANUTU?
NOT THAT I'M AWARE OF.

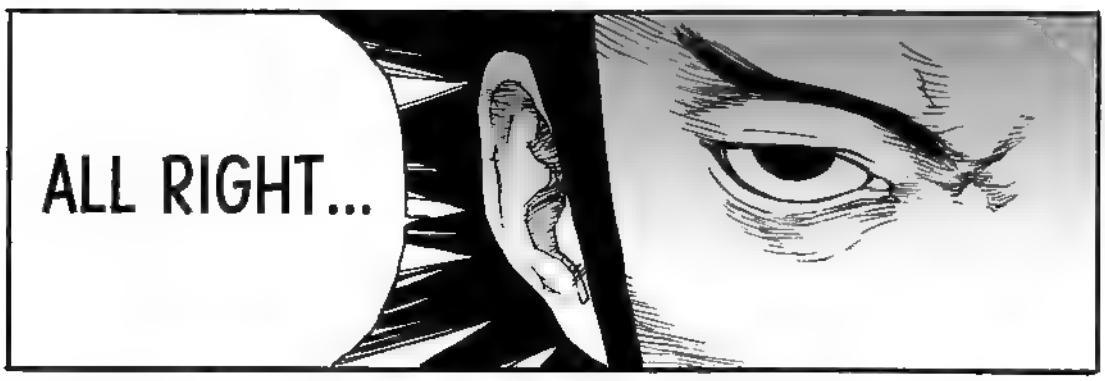
AHH... YOU WANT TO BE A FIGHTER, EH, SONNY?
THEN YOU SHOULD TALK TO THE MANUTU WARRIORS THAT ARE HERE.
WHAT?
THERE ARE MANUTU WARRIORS HERE IN MARUCHETTE?!
YOUNG MAN, IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME HERE? MOST MANUTU WARRIORS COME FROM MARUCHETTE!


SEE... THE MANUTU CLAN DOESN'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT ANYONE'S BACKGROUND OR CLASS, IT'S A REAL DRAW FOR REGULAR JOES IN PLACES LIKE THIS.

HEY, YOU'RE IN LUCK, KIDDO! THAT FELLA WALKING OVER THERE LOOKS LIKE A MANUTU WARRIOR...
YUP, HE'S GOTTA BE.
YAKI! WAIT RIGHT HERE, I'LL BE BACK IN A SECOND!

IT'S HIM!




ALL RIGHT...

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MISTER
HORAKAAN!!

HOO HOO! WHAT A RUSH! SO YOU'RE A SHAMAN, HUH?
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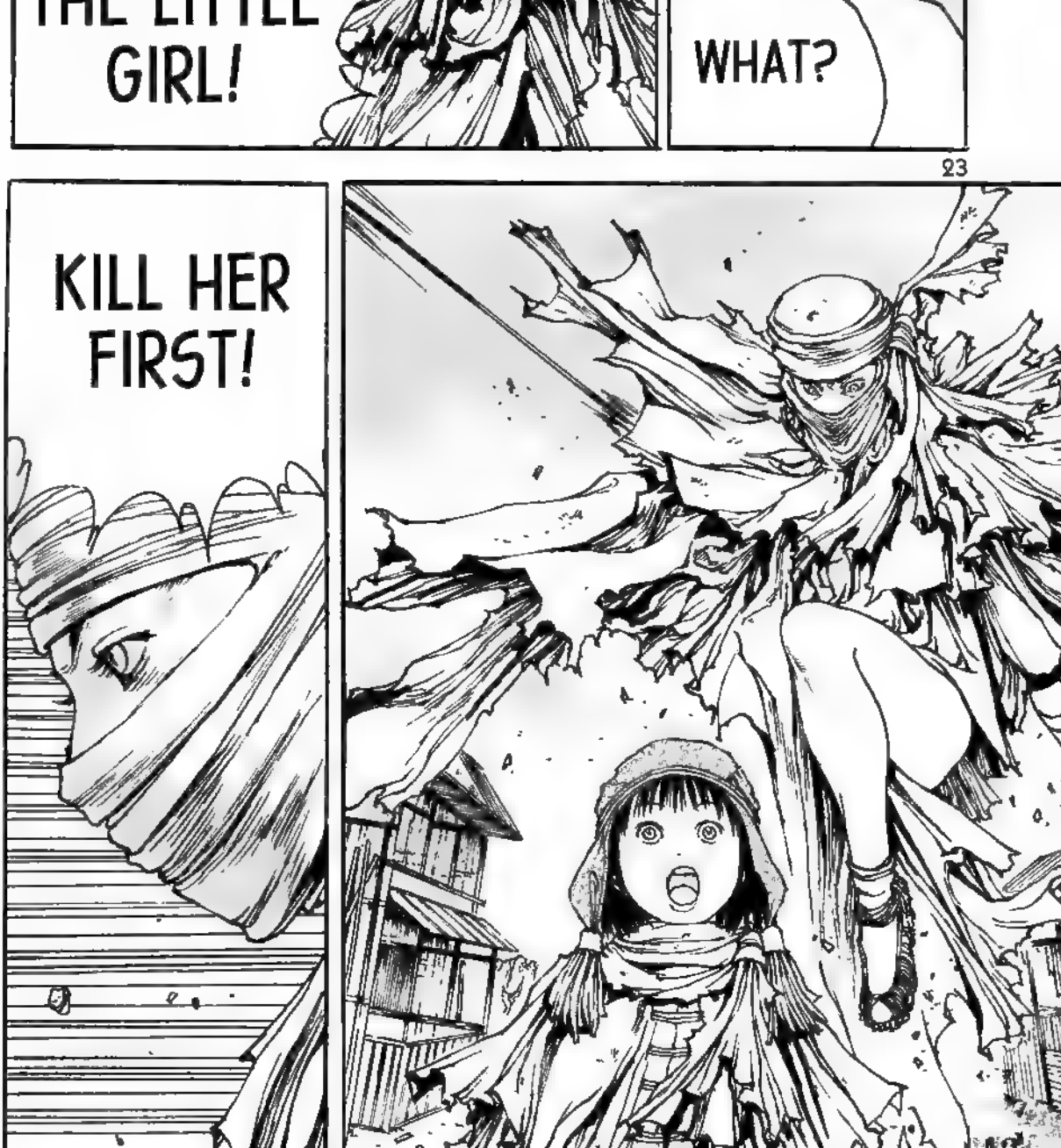
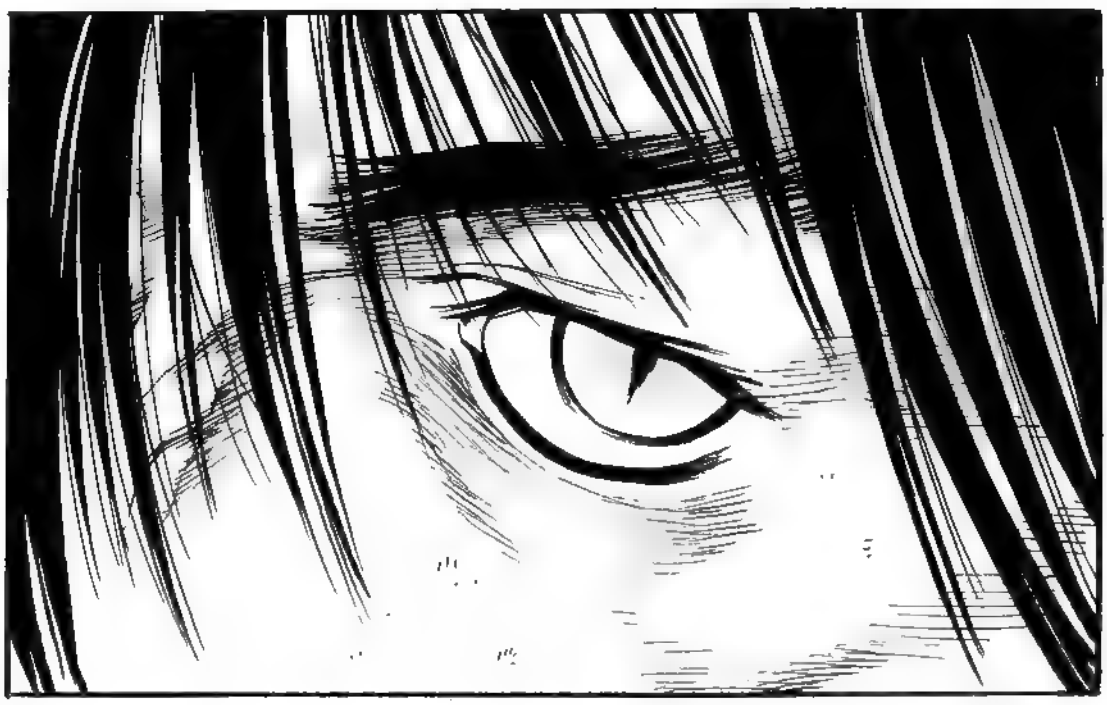
MISTER HORAKAAN!
STAY BACK!

SIYAAT, THE LITTLE GIRL!
WHAT?


KILL HER FIRST!



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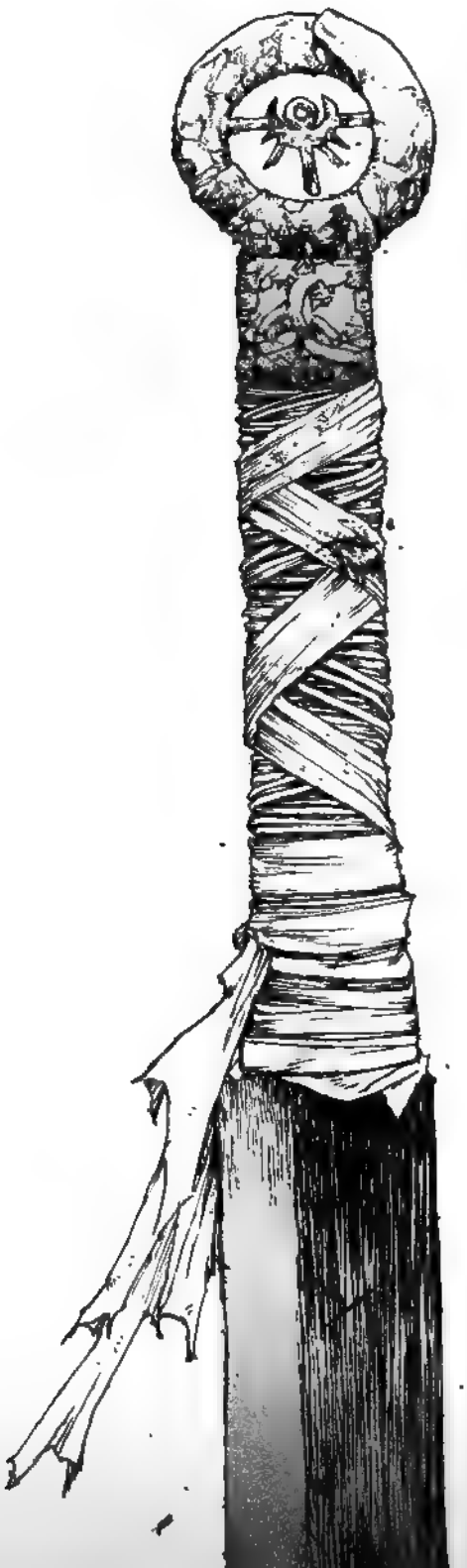

YEEK!
HEY! WHAT THE--?!
HA! THINK YOU CAN RUN AWAY?!

SIYAAT, DON'T GET COCKY! HE'S A SHAMAN!
LISTEN, THAT LITTLE GIRL IS ALSO A SHAMAN! AND I'VE NEVER FELT SUCH FRIGHTENING POWER BEFORE! IF SHE AWAKENS, THE THREE OF US WILL BE FINISHED!
WHAT? THAT LITTLE KID?!
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE MUCH...
WE CAN'T LOSE HIM HERE!
SHE CAN'T USE HER POWERS RIGHT NOW! I DON'T THINK SHE EVEN REALIZES SHE'S A SHAMAN!
WE MUST ELIMINATE HER BEFORE SHE AWAKENS!
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YEAH, YEAH! FINE! BUT THE BOY IS MINE! GOT IT?!
AS YOU WISH!

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OOOH!
NOT
BAD!

SWIPE
CHNNG
HERE I COME!

SKASHH
FWUP

HRAA!

BMFF
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WHO
THE--?!

GET YOURSELF AWAY FROM YAKI!
WHAT? BUT--
DON'T YOU GET IT? THEY'RE AFTER *YOU*-- A SHAMAN!
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WHERE THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?!
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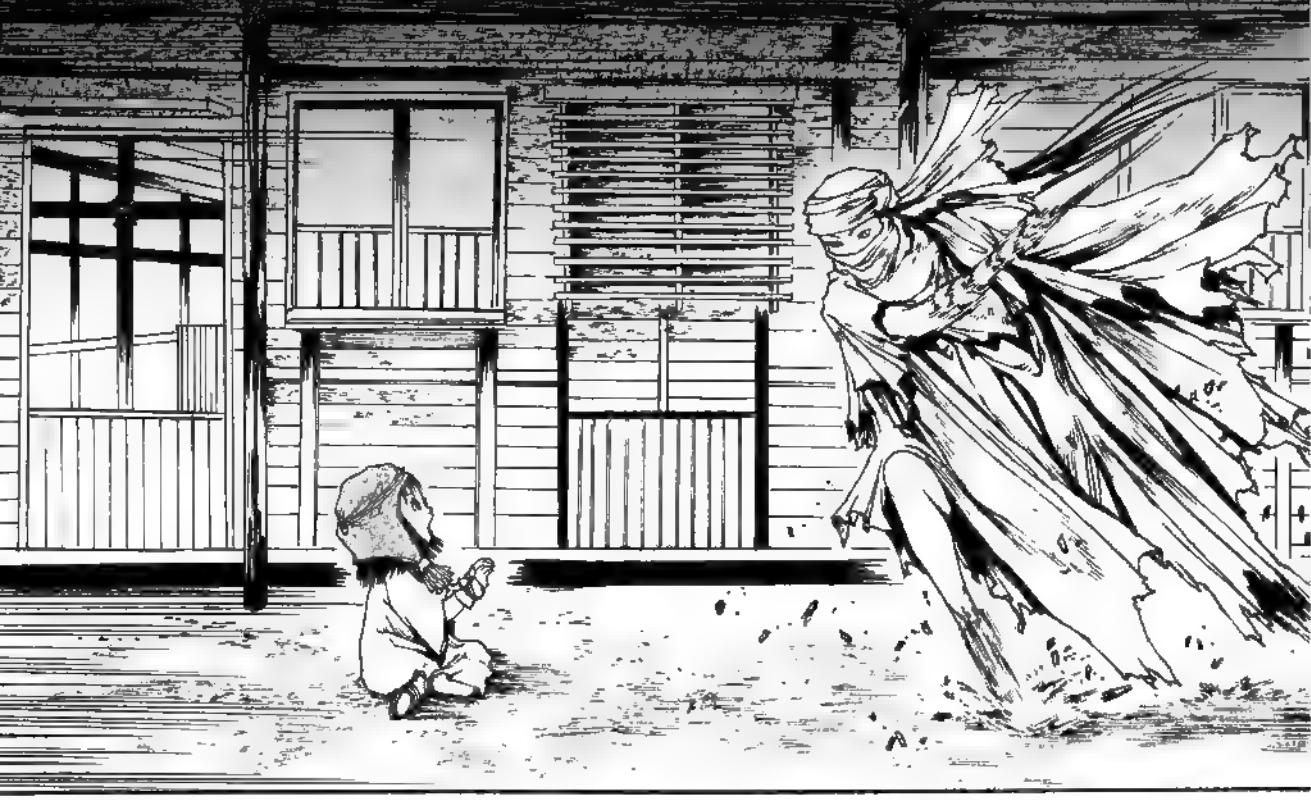
LITTLE PUNK!
YAKI! LOOK OUT!!



NO! DO THEY ALREADY KNOW?!

YOU!

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WSHH

HYAAH!
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SUCH IS YOUR FATE-- BEING BORN A SHAMAN!

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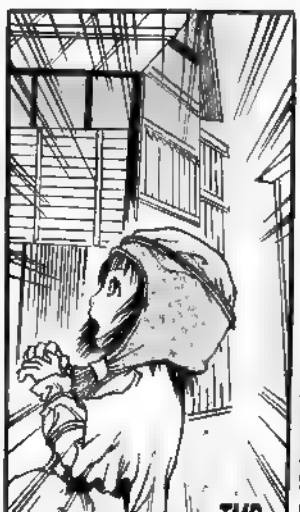
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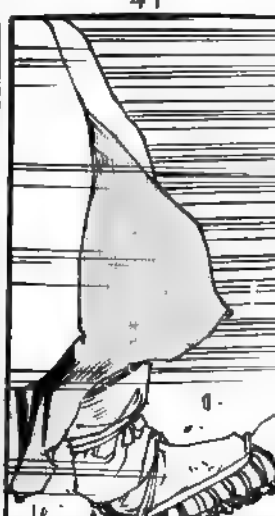
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HOLD ON, LITTLE GIRL!

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BATU!!

AHGKK--
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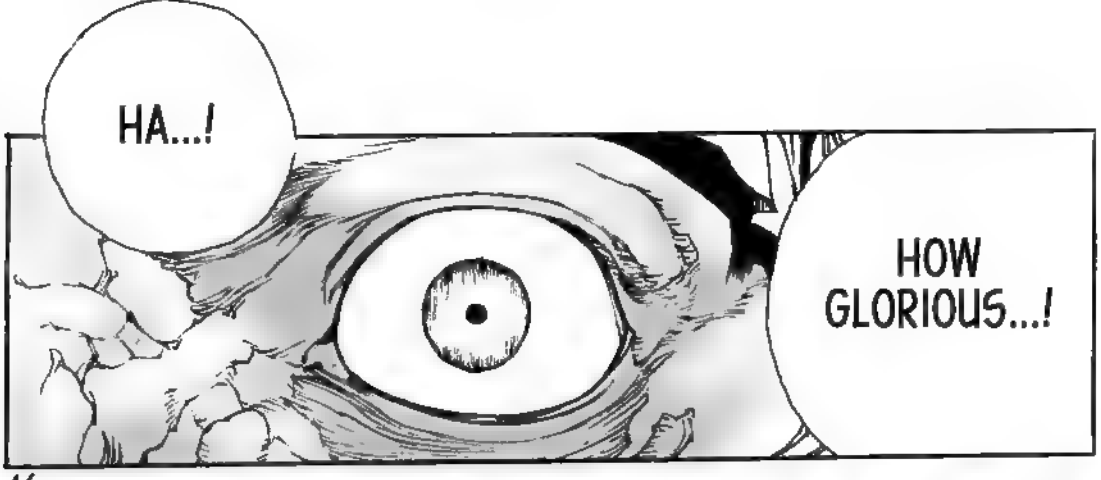
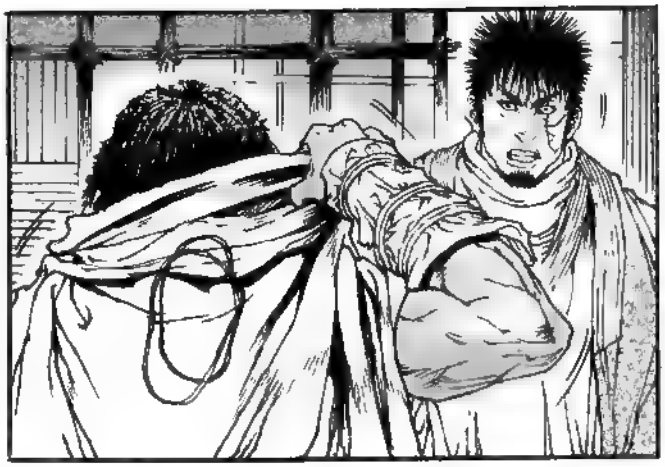
HIYAAP!
HWAKK

SKRRSH

SHILIM...?
SHILIM KOREAN WRESTLING.


HA...!
HOW GLORIOUS...!

I NEVER DREAMED I'D JUST BUMP INTO BATU THE DESTROYER LIKE THIS. KHUH HUH HUH!



I AM *BAAK!* BAAK DEMANDS A FIGHT WITH BATU THE DESTROYER!
I WILL NOT BE DENIED!
GET OUT OF MY WAY!
BATU WILL FIGHT!
GGRRRAAAGH!!

KOOM

OH

WHOO

HA! AND YOU CALL YOURSELF "DESTROYER"...?
POOM

CHARACTER FILE
SECONDARY CHARACTER DESIGNS #5

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HRRF!
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GRAAGH!
KRAK
YAKI!

DON'T YOU IGNORE ME!

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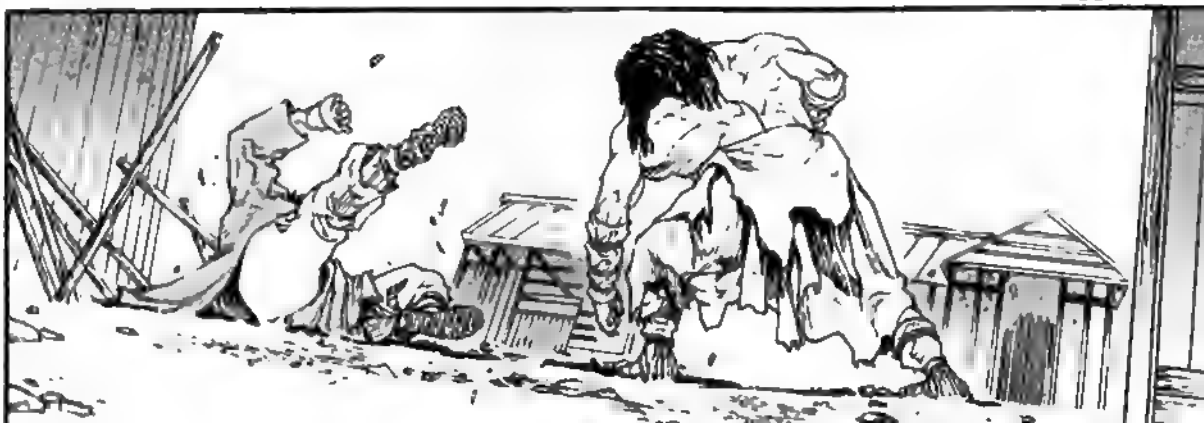
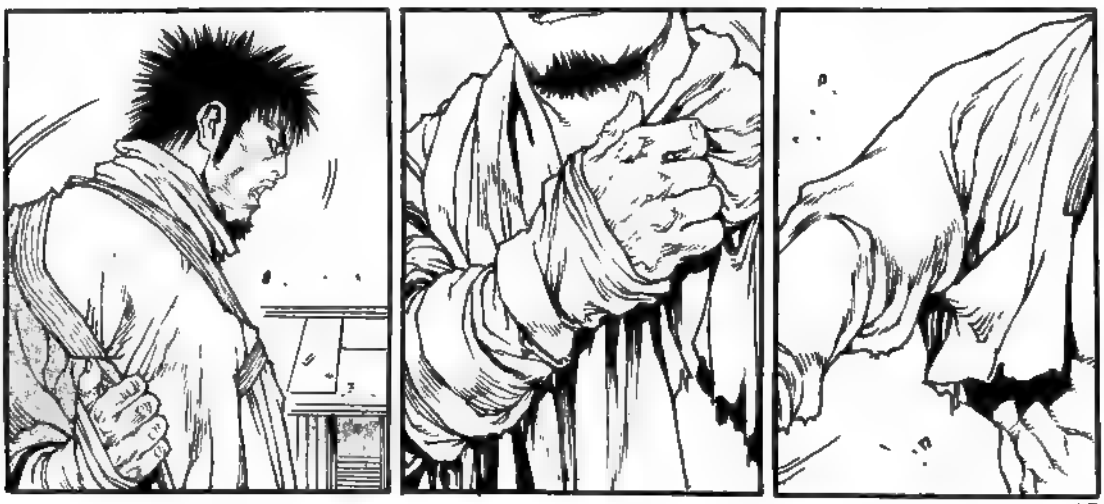
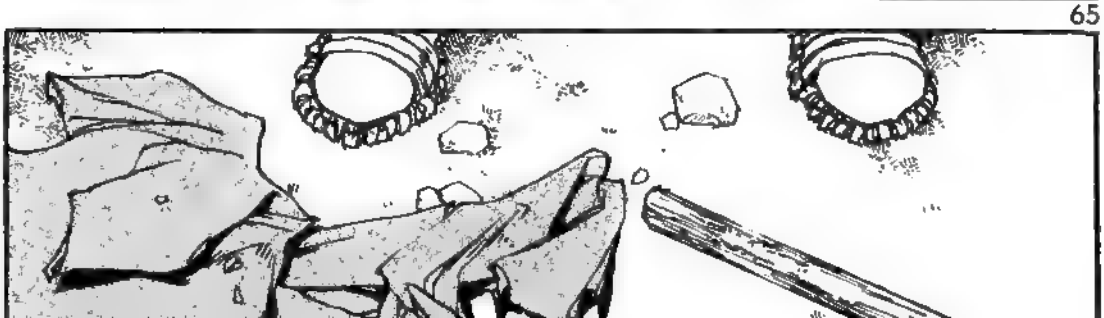


THE MIGHTY BATU CAN'T FOCUS BECAUSE OF A LITTLE GIRL? AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A FIGHTER...
WELL... IF YOU WANT HER, YOU'LL HAVE TO GET THROUGH ME.
THEN I GUESS I CAN'T AVOID THIS POINTLESS FIGHT...

PROVE YOURSELF WORTHY OF YOUR TITLE, BATU "THE DESTROYER"... IF YOU CAN.





COME ON!

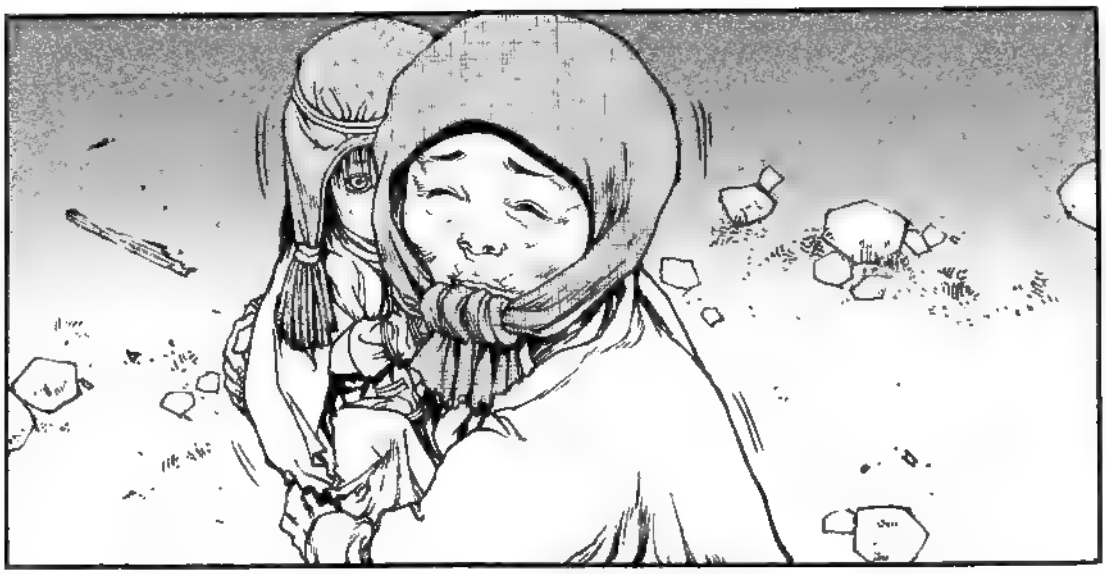
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO YAKI...I'LL HUNT DOWN EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU.

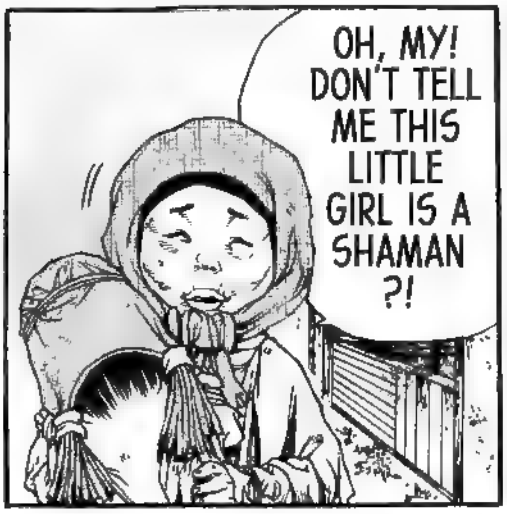
DON'T YOU WORRY, LITTLE DARLING.
PAT PAT
I STARTED SNIFFING AROUND WHEN I HEARD OL' BATU WAS IN TOWN LOOKING FOR ME... BUT I HAD NO IDEA YOU WERE GOING TO BE WITH THAT BIG LUG.
WHEN I FIRST SAW YOU, I WASN'T SURE... BUT NOW THAT I'VE SEEN BATU PROTECT YOU AS IF YOU WERE HIS OWN FLESH AND BLOOD... NOW I KNOW.
GOOD GRACIOUS, YOU SURE DO LOOK LIKE YARONG. HO HO HO!

WHEN I HEARD NEWS OF YARONG'S MURDER, I FIGURED BATU PROBABLY FOLLOWED HIS MASTER INTO THE AFTERLIFE. DUMB OX WOULD FOLLOW YARONG ANYWHERE...I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT A RELIEF IT IS TO SEE HIM ALIVE AND KICKING... AND TO SEE YOU'VE BEEN WELL CARED FOR.
SNIFF SNIFF
DON'T YOU WORRY, DEARIE. THAT BOY'S TOUGHER THAN THE CORNS ON MY HEELS. HE'LL BE WITH YOU REAL SOON, I PROMISE.
BATU...I WANNA SEE BATU.
DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH...

HAND HER OVER.

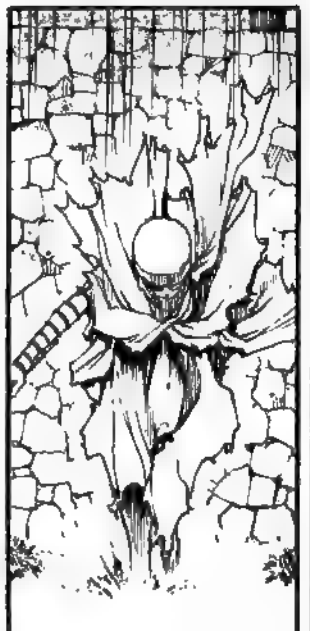
ALL YOU DID WAS DELAY HER EXECUTION.



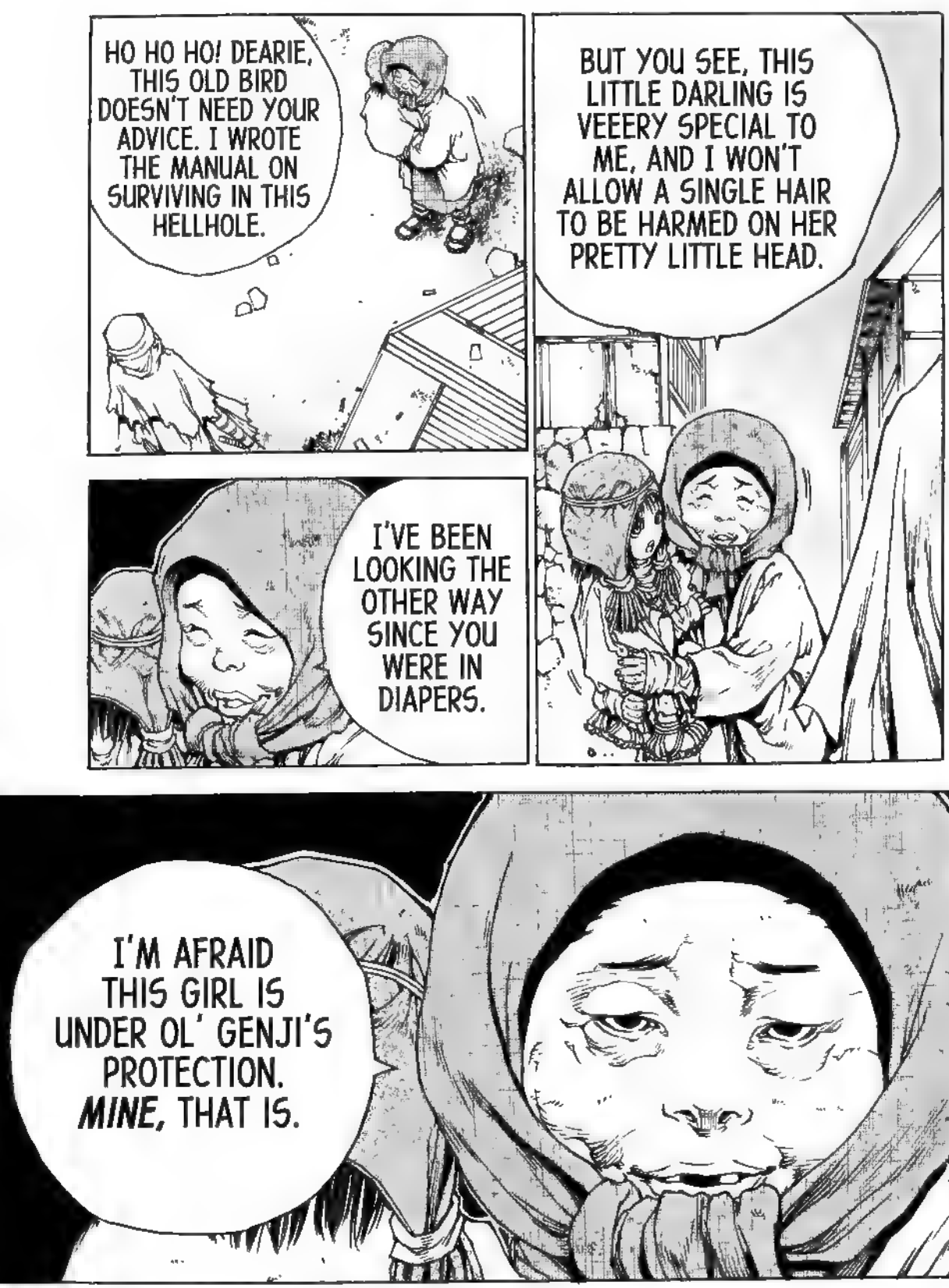

OH, MY! DON'T TELL ME THIS LITTLE GIRL IS A SHAMAN ?!

I'VE HEARD STORIES OF THESE BARBARIC SHAMAN HUNTS...MY DEAR, IS YOUR LIFE SO EMPTY THAT YOU'VE RESORTED TO SLAUGHTERING CHILDREN?

HOW ABOUT PICKING UP KNITTING INSTEAD? I HEAR IT'S VERY RELAXING.

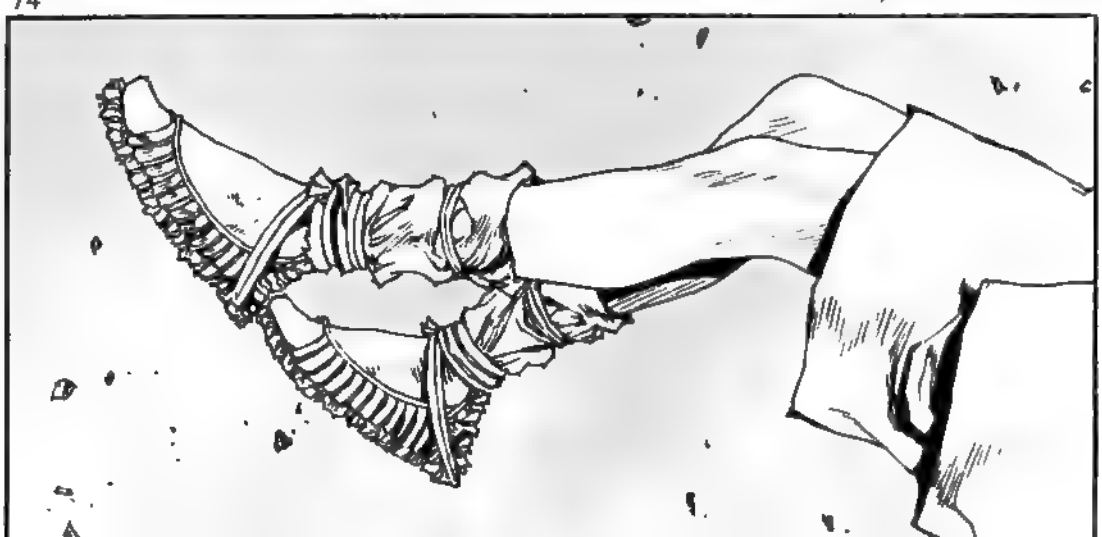


HOW DARE YOU INTERFERE, KNOWING FULL WELL SHE'S A SHAMAN? TAKE MY ADVICE--IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE IN THIS CITY, YOU'LL COVER YOUR EYES AND EARS.


HO HO HO! DEARIE, THIS OLD BIRD DOESN'T NEED YOUR ADVICE. I WROTE THE MANUAL ON SURVIVING IN THIS HELLHOLE.
BUT YOU SEE, THIS LITTLE DARLING IS VEEERY SPECIAL TO ME, AND I WON'T ALLOW A SINGLE HAIR TO BE HARMED ON HER PRETTY LITTLE HEAD.
I'VE BEEN LOOKING THE OTHER WAY SINCE YOU WERE IN DIAPERS.
I'M AFRAID THIS GIRL IS UNDER OL' GENJI'S PROTECTION. *MINE*, THAT IS.

YOU STAY PUT OVER THERE, LITTLE DARLING.
YOU TALK EXCESSIVELY FOR SOMEONE WITH SO FEW TEETH...DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO SPARE YOU BECAUSE OF YOUR AGE, OLD WOMAN.
HO HO HO! WELL, THAT'S GOOD. IT'S COMFORTING TO KNOW YOU'RE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY MURDERER...
...AND I MAY BE OLD...
...BUT I'M STILL WANTED BY A LOT OF FOLKS...HO HO HO!
DIE!!

SWISH
SHOOO



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HO HO HO...

THIS IS YOUR ONLY WARNING. SURRENDER NOW OR FACE THE HUMILIATION OF BEING WHIPPED BY A "GRANNY"... HO HO HO...

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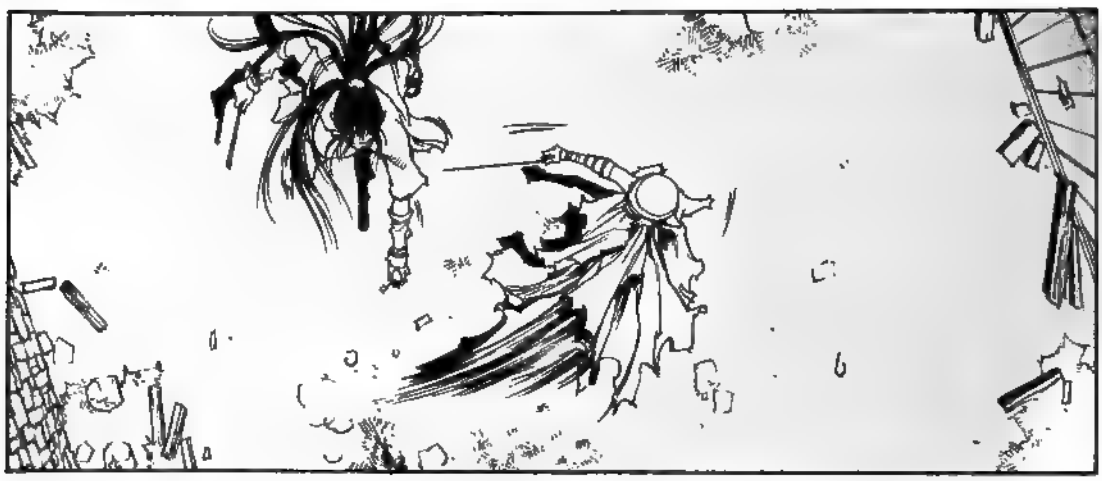

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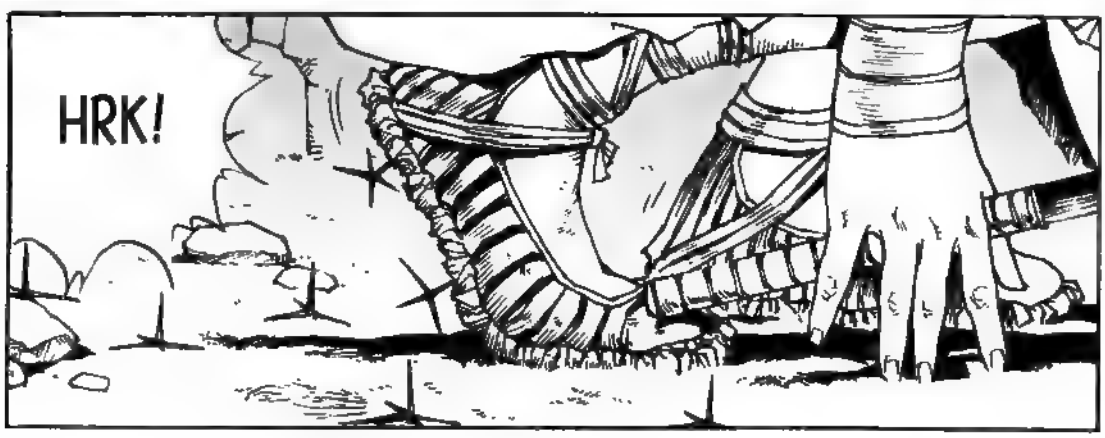
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KHKK! YOU SNEAKY LITTLE--
HO HO HO! YOU PICK UP A FEW TRICKS WHEN YOU GROW OLD.
HYAAAH!

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AARGH!
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OH, DEAR! MUST'VE FORGOTTEN TO WIPE THE POISON OFF THOSE BARBS.
DON'T WORRY, BLONDIE. IT'S NOT GONNA KILL YOU... BUT IT WILL FEEL LIKE EVERY STEP YOU MAKE IS DRIVING A BURNING NAIL ANOTHER INCH UP YOUR FOOT.
SHRRIP
OH, MY! STILL CARE TO DUKE IT OUT?
IT'LL HUUURT ...

I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!
RUN, LITTLE RABBIT...!
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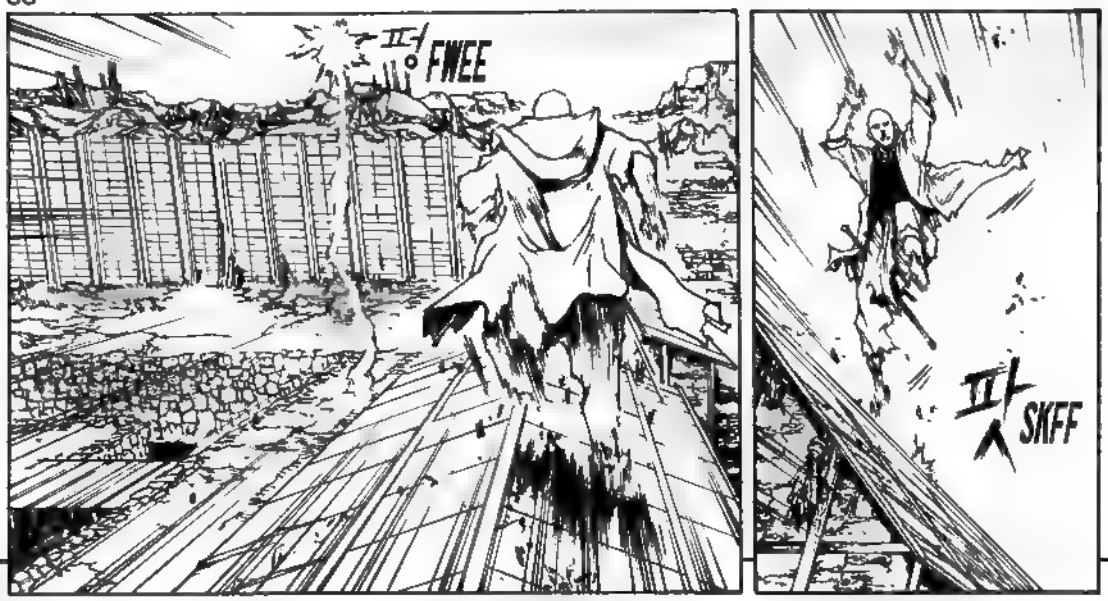
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KHEE HEE HEE... GOTCHA.
WHY ARE YOU ALONE? I THOUGHT YOUR STYLE WAS THREE TO A TARGET.
HEH HEH HEH! THERE WERE SOME... UNEXPECTED INTERRUPTIONS.
ALSO, WE UPROOTED ANOTHER SHAMAN, MY LORD.
THERE ARE *TWO?*
YUP. YAHMI AND BAAK ARE TAKING CARE OF THE OTHER ONE, MY LORD.

HKK...!
FOOL, DID YOU THINK YOU WERE SAFE ONCE YOU GOT OUT OF KUGAI? THE ONLY REASON YOU'RE STILL ALIVE IS BECAUSE YOU'VE ONLY HAD TO FACE ORDINARY SOLDIERS UP UNTIL NOW...
LOOK AT YOU... RUNNING LIKE AN ANIMAL...EVEN KILLING TO SAVE YOUR PITIFUL HIDE...

HERE'S WHERE I RETURN THE FAVOR. I'M GOING TO SKIN YOU ALIVE.
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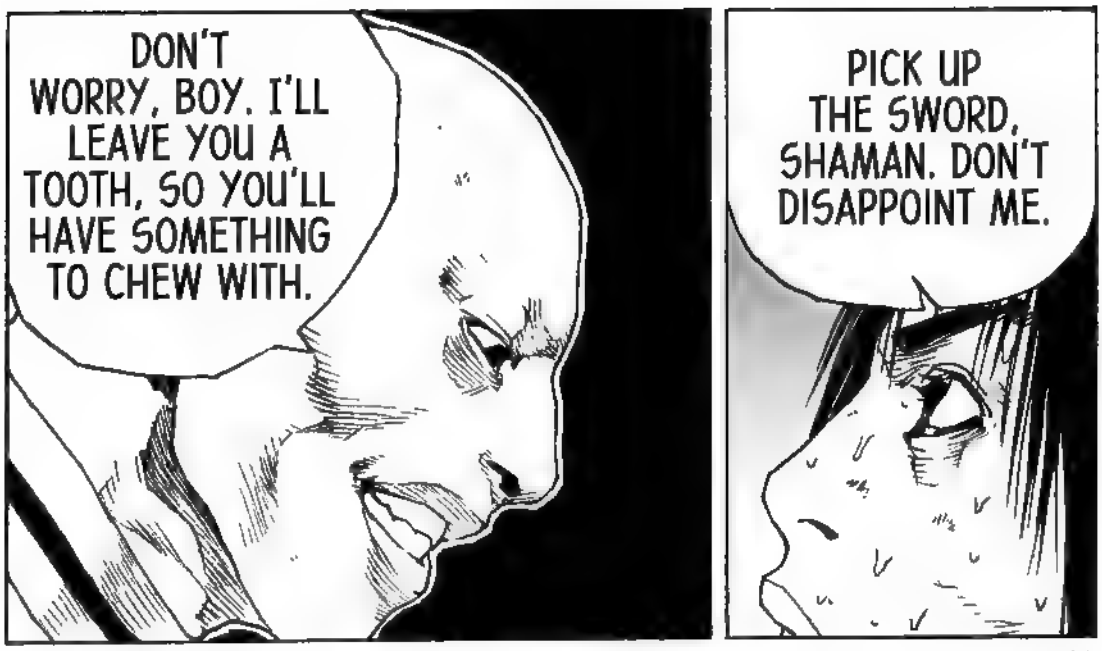
DON'T WORRY, BOY. I'LL LEAVE YOU A TOOTH, SO YOU'LL HAVE SOMETHING TO CHEW WITH.
PICK UP THE SWORD, SHAMAN. DON'T DISAPPOINT ME.

BY ORDER OF THE KUGAI HOMELAND, I HEREBY COMMENCE THIS SHAMAN HUNT.
SHHHK
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EYAAAH!
TMP TMP
KCHNNG
CHNNG
CHNNG
RAAAGH!
HYAAH!

HMPH! YOU'RE NOTHING BUT AN ANIMAL...
FWSH
쉬이이익
THUNK
WHO DARES?!

HEY, HEY! I KNOW THERE AREN'T ANY LAWS IN MARUCHETTE, BUT WE CAN'T HAVE KUGAI SCUM JUST RUNNING AMUCK, EH?!
!
HEY, YOUNG MAN! WE DIDN'T GET TO FINISH OUR CONVERSATION!

I FOUND HIM, SIR!
SIR!
MM...IS THAT SO?
HOW DARE YOU...
...

!!

AH! HE REALLY IS A SHAMAN. WHERE DID THIS GIFT COME FROM...?
I TOLD YOU, SIR...
ET-KMP
THMP

IT...IT'S ARAGORN...

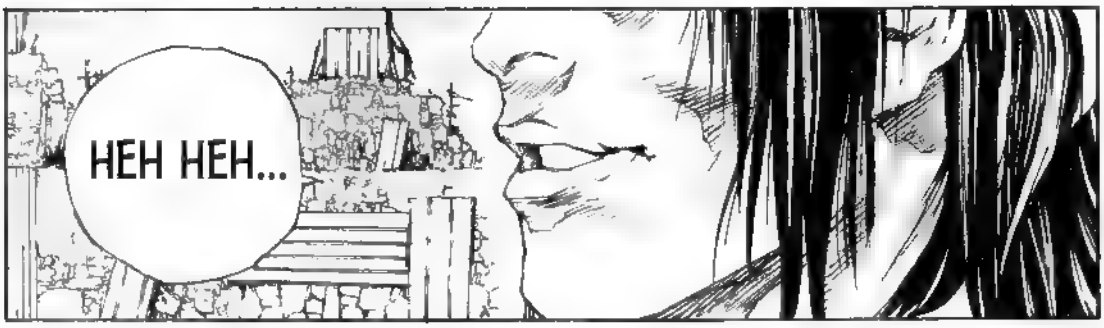
CHARACTER FILE
SECONDARY CHARACTER DESIGNS #6

SHHK
GREETINGS, CHIEF WARRIOR ARAGORN. I AM YURI OF KUGAI.
YOU KNOW ME?
SIR, YOUR SKILLS ARE LEGENDARY. YOUR SERVICE RECORD IS A GREAT EXAMPLE FOR ALL KUGAI WARRIORS.

KUGAI...
KUGAI...
YOU JUST REMINDED ME OF SOMETHING I DIDN'T WANT TO REMEMBER.
KHHK!

AH, YES! THAT BRINGS ME BACK TO MY DAYS AS THE KUGAI COMMANDER.
THAT'S FUNNY...WHY DO I FEEL SUCH REVULSION THINKING ABOUT MY OWN PAST, HMM?
S-SIR ARAGORN, WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF EXECUTING AN ORDER FROM THE KUGAI HOMELAND, SO--
YOU MEAN... SHAMAN EXTERMINA-TION?

THE MANUTU CLAN WAS EXILED...
...NOW SHAMANS ARE MARKED FOR EXTERMINATION...

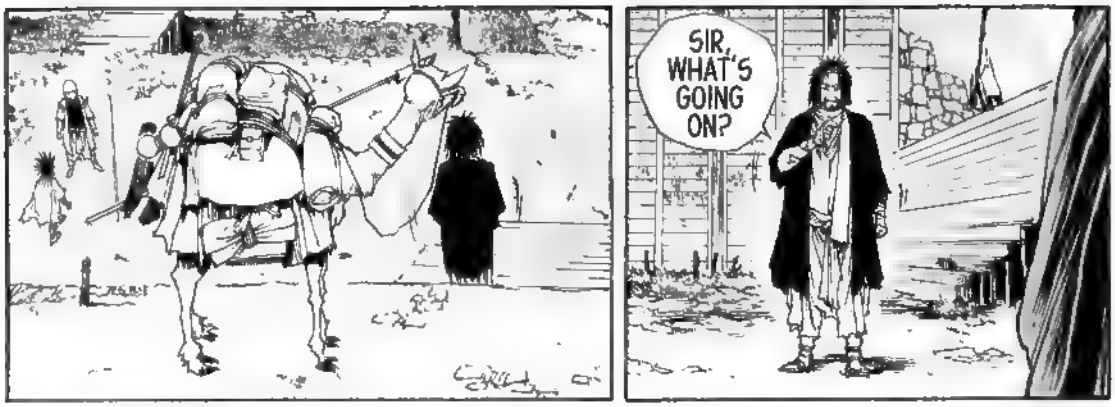

HEH HEH...

THE KING OF KUGAI MUST HAVE A VERY GOOD REASON FOR ORDERING *GENOCIDE*... YES?

I SUGGEST YOU CHOOSE YOUR WORDS CAREFULLY WHEN SPEAKING OF THE KING...SIR.
I AM ALSO THE RULER OF MY CLAN. I CAN SPEAK OF HIM HOWEVER I PLEASE.

SHHK
움찔
SHFF

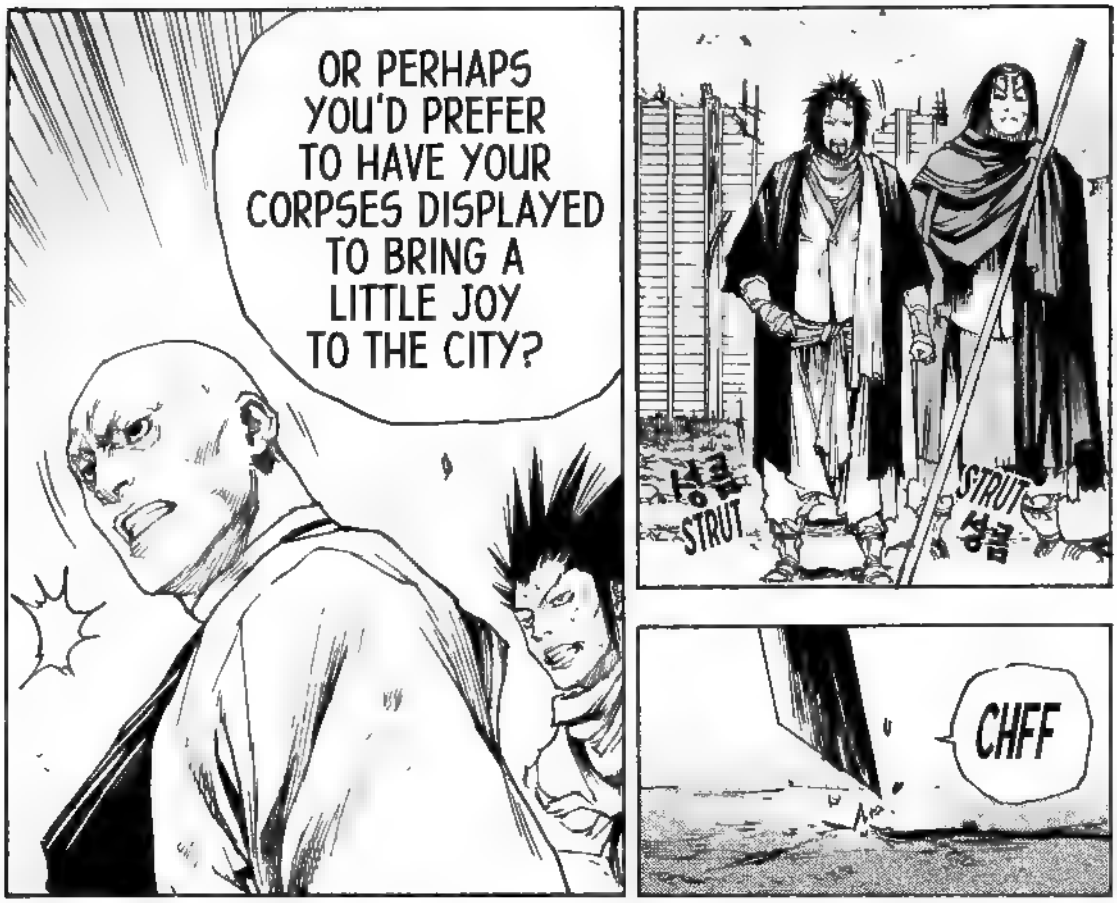
I LIKE YOUR EYES. THEY ARE THE EYES OF A MANUTU WARRIOR.
THIS YOUNG SHAMAN...I WILL TAKE HIM TO MY SIDE.


SIR, WHAT'S GOING ON?

WHAT DO YOU SAY? WHY NOT GIVE YOURSELF A BREAK AND RELEASE HIM TO ME PEACE-FULLY?
AM I TO UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WILL DRAW ARMS AGAINST ME IF I REFUSE?

KHEH...
IF YOU INSIST.
IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT?

THAT WOULD BE A DIRECT AND BLATANT INSTIGATION AGAINST KUGAI. YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, DON'T YOU?
HEH HEH HEH...YOU THINK *WARRIORS* ARE AFRAID OF *WAR?*
BESIDES...I DON'T SEE ANY PROBLEM...THIS IS MARUCHETTE, AFTER ALL...
WE COULD KILL YOU, THEN BURY YOU, AND WHO WOULD KNOW? WHO WOULD CARE?


OR PERHAPS YOU'D PREFER TO HAVE YOUR CORPSES DISPLAYED TO BRING A LITTLE JOY TO THE CITY?
STRUT
STRUT
CHFF

DON'T MAKE THIS DIFFICULT, BALDY. YOU STARTED THIS LITTLE FIASCO WHEN YOU INTERRUPTED MY CHAT WITH OUR YOUNG SHAMAN HERE. YOU DISRESPECTIN' A MANUTU WARRIOR? THAT SOUNDS LIKE A "DIRECT AND BLATANT INSTIGATION" TO ME.

GOOD. NOW THAT THAT'S SETTLED, WE'LL BE LEAVING THIS LITTLE PARTY.
SHINGO, WHAT TIME DID YOU SAY TODAY'S MEETING WAS?
NO WORRIES, SIR. EVEN IF WE LEFT IN HALF AN HOUR WE'D MAKE IT WITH TIME TO SPARE.
C'MON, LET'S FINISH OUR LITTLE CHAT.
GRR...

WAIT...
NOW WHAT?

SO, WE HAVE PLENTY OF TIME...?
YES, SIR.

SCRITCH
SCRITCH

...

THEN SHOULD WE JUST KILL THEM...?

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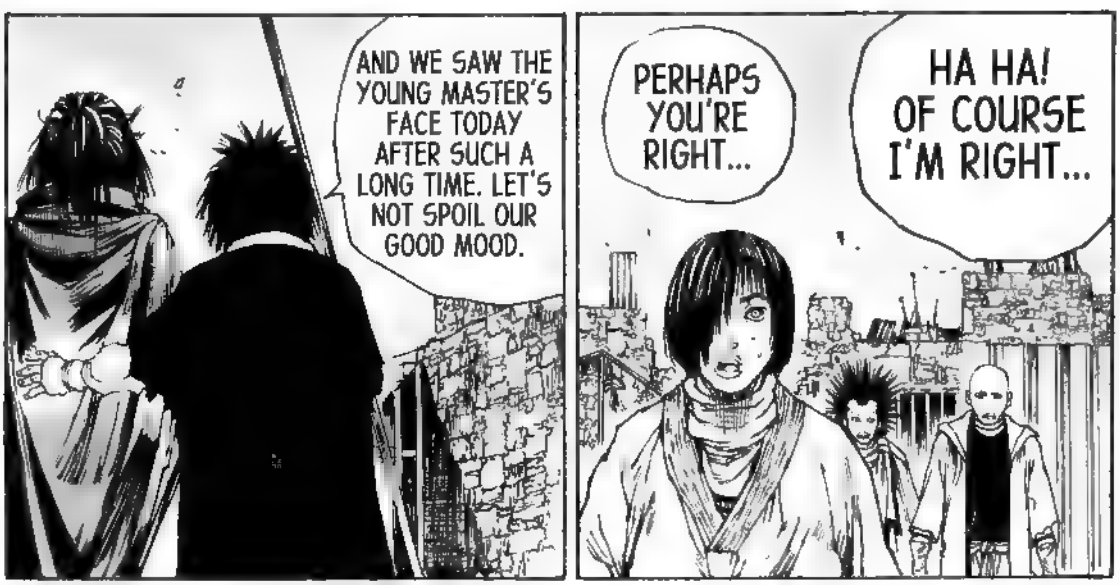
KTCHING!

SWSH!!

PSH! SOMETIMES, I SWEAR...
C'MON, YOU'RE THE RULER OF A CLAN, SIR. STOP ACTING SILLY.


AND WE SAW THE YOUNG MASTER'S FACE TODAY AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME. LET'S NOT SPOIL OUR GOOD MOOD.
PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT...
HA HA! OF COURSE I'M RIGHT...

WHOA...I'VE NEVER MET ANYONE LIKE HIM... OUTSIDE OF MY MASTER, THAT IS...
I WAS WAITING FOR AN OPENING TO ATTACK THE MINUTE HE APPROACHED US, BUT--EVERY TIME I PULLED ON MY SWORD--I GOT THIS EERIE FEELING LIKE HE WAS GONNA CHOP MY HEAD OFF BEFORE MY BLADE WAS OUT OF THE SCABBARD.

HE WAS THE CHIEF WARRIOR OF KUGAI DURING THE CLAN WARS.
CHIEF WARRIOR?

THEY SAY HE'S UNBEATABLE IN COMBAT...AND AN ECCENTRIC...BUT I NEVER IMAGINED HE COULD BE THIS...IMPOSING...

SHOULDN'T WE FOLLOW THEM, MY LORD...?
NO, THERE'S NO REASON TO RISK OUR LIVES NEEDLESSLY. WE WILL HAVE PLENTY OF OTHER SHAMAN HUNTS IN THE FUTURE.

WE SIMPLY SLIP AWAY FROM MARUCHETTE, AND NO ONE'S THE WISER CONCERNING OUR ENCOUNTER WITH ARAGORN.
KHEE HEE HEE... SMART BOY.

ARAGORN...
YOU WALK A
DANGEROUS PATH
WHEN YOU TREAD
ON KUGAI...

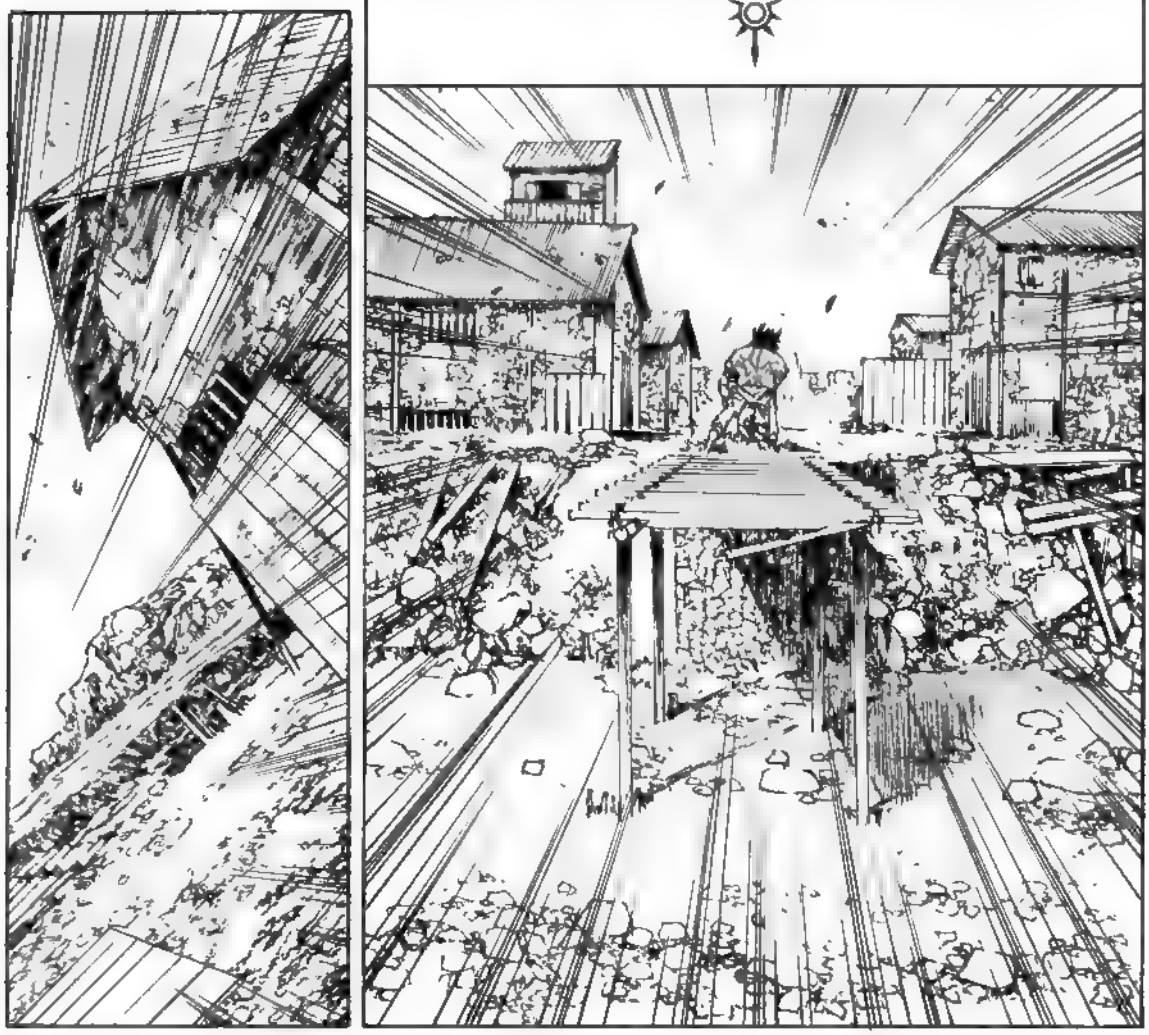
EEYAH!
KHAAH!

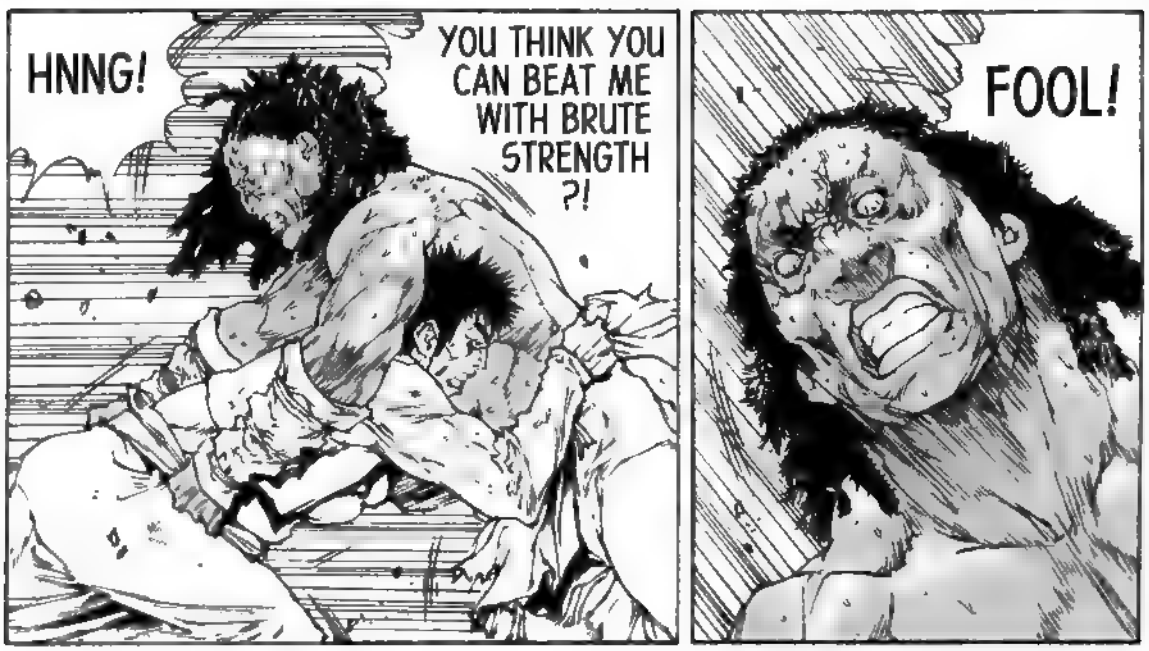
WOOSH

KRAK
WHMP!

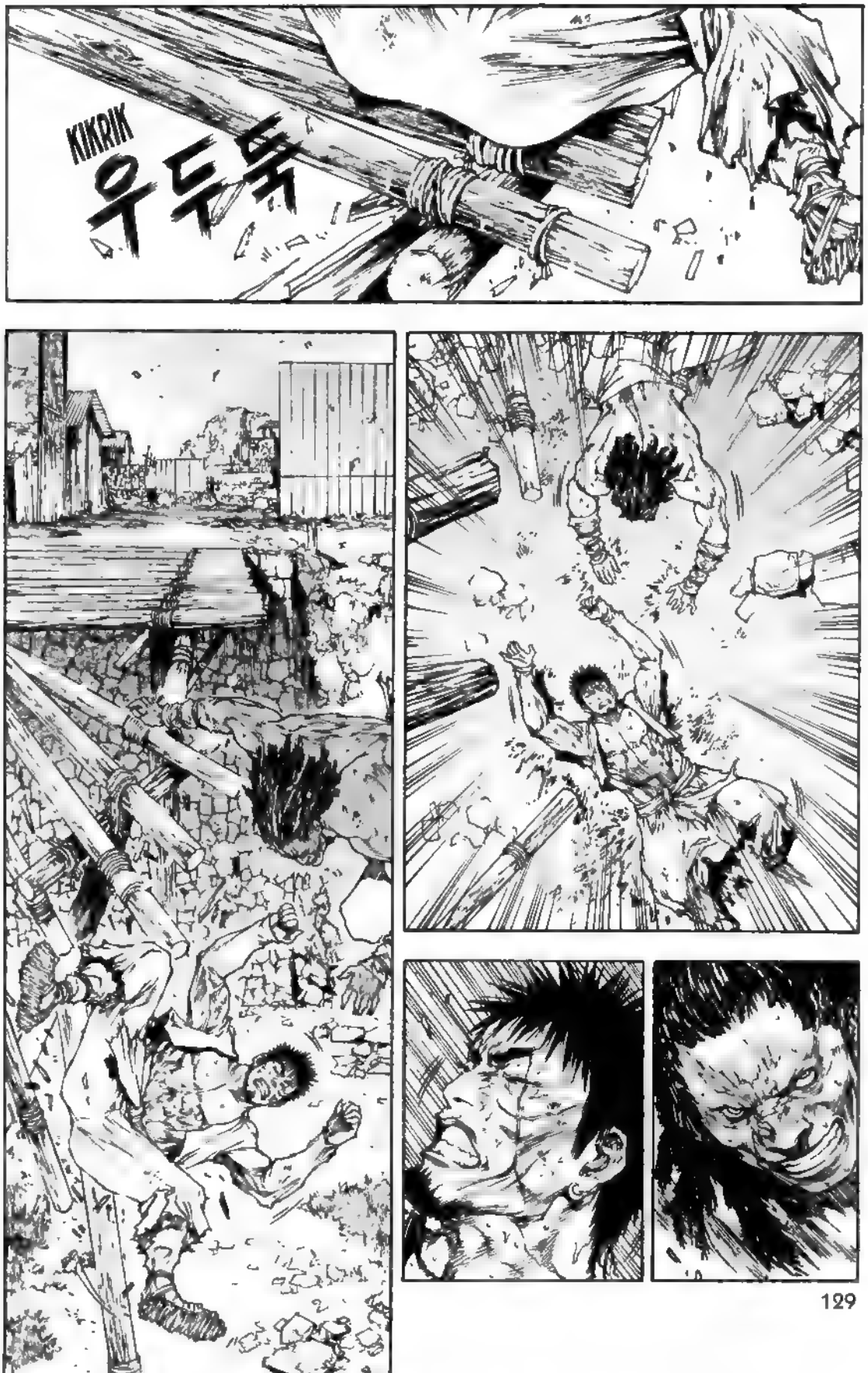
HGRAAH!

RRRAARRGH!!




HNNG!
YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT ME WITH BRUTE STRENGTH ?!
FOOL!

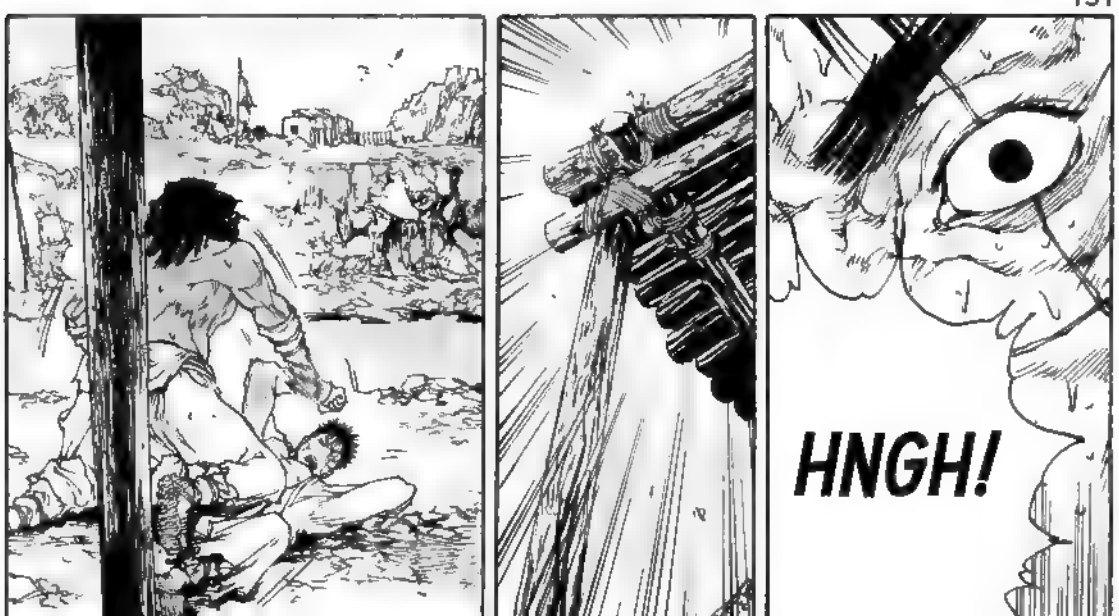
GRAAGH!


KIKRIK
우두둑

HRRRG!
FWHH
BAPP

PAPP

DAMN IT... HOW DO I END THIS?!
SHFF
SHK
GRRR!
KRIK
?!


HNGH!

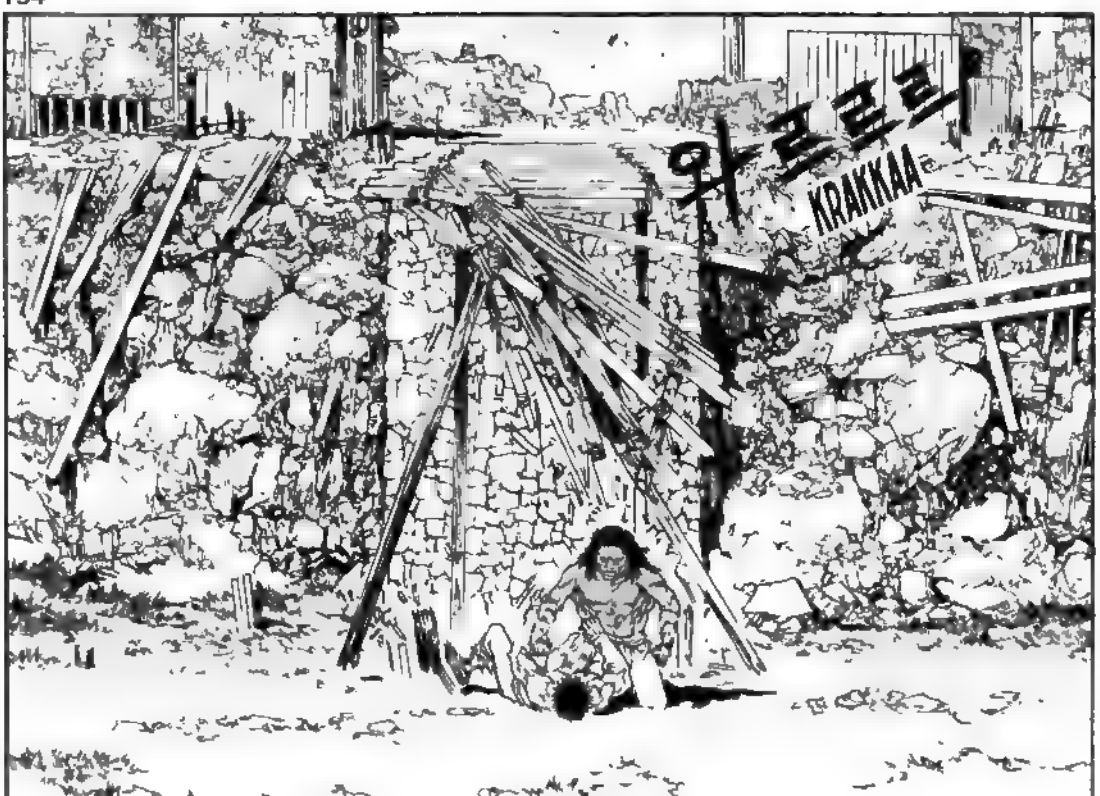
쾅
WHMP

YOU WANT SOME MORE?!

빡
KRAK
I WIN, BATU!!
BMFF

깡
BKAH
AAAAGH!!

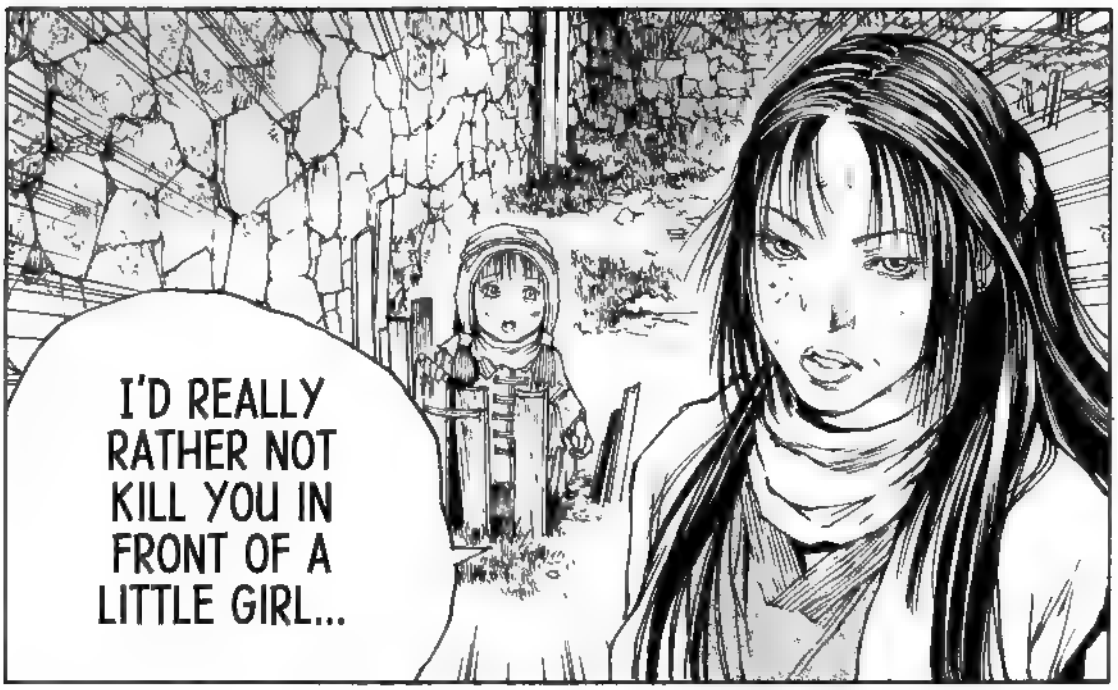
KRANCH
CHKKK


KRAKKAA

?!
콰악
AARGH!
135
AH!
LET GO!

HRFF!

YOU'RE STRONGER THAN YOU LOOK... I'LL GIVE YOU THAT.
YOU SEEM A LITTLE SHAKY THERE, THOUGH, KID.


I'D REALLY RATHER NOT KILL YOU IN FRONT OF A LITTLE GIRL...

WHY NOT JUST GIVE UP AND SAVE US ALL A WHOLE LOT OF GRIEF?
SHUT UP!

SHINGG
SKTCH

STUBBORN FOOL.
DON'T YOU REALIZE YOU'RE JUST MAKING IT HARDER ON YOURSELF?

씨익
GRRR!
YOU... YOU'RE INSANE...!!

KRAKOOM

KRKK
TNKK

RRAAGH!

KHKK...
꾹
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TONK
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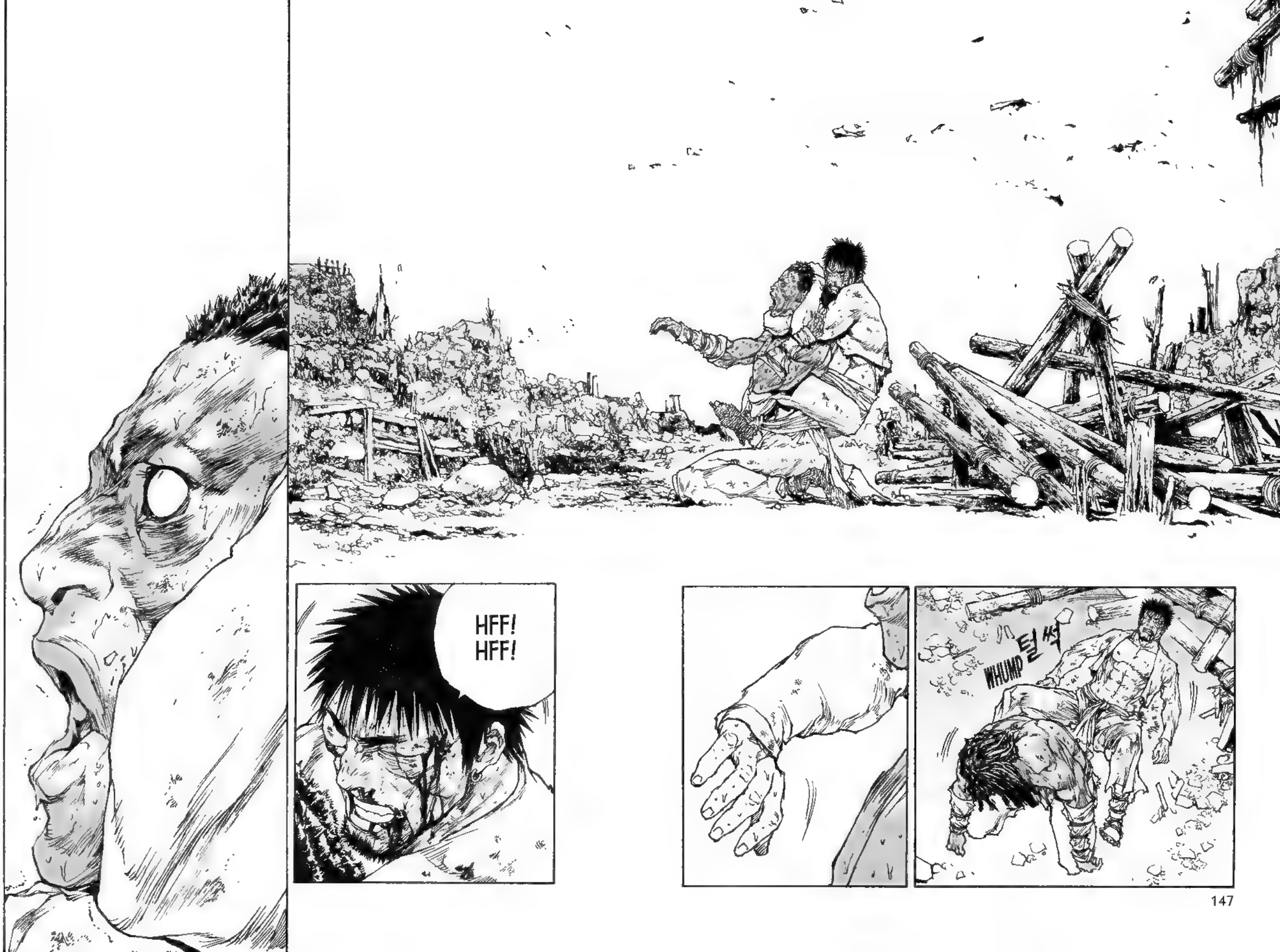
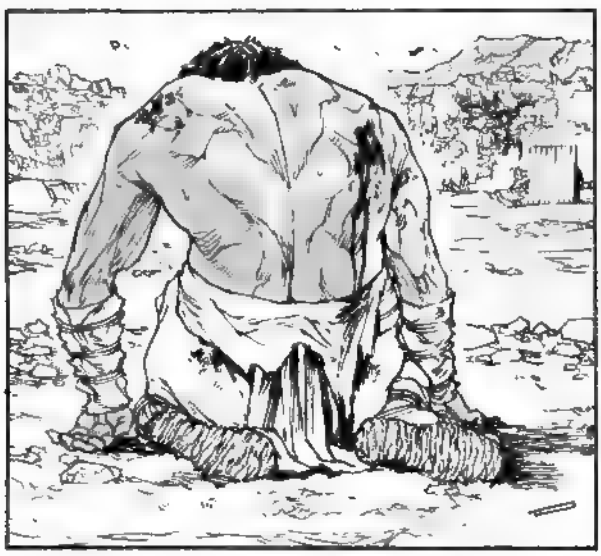
NNGH!
KK...KHKK!
GRAAH!
HRRGH!

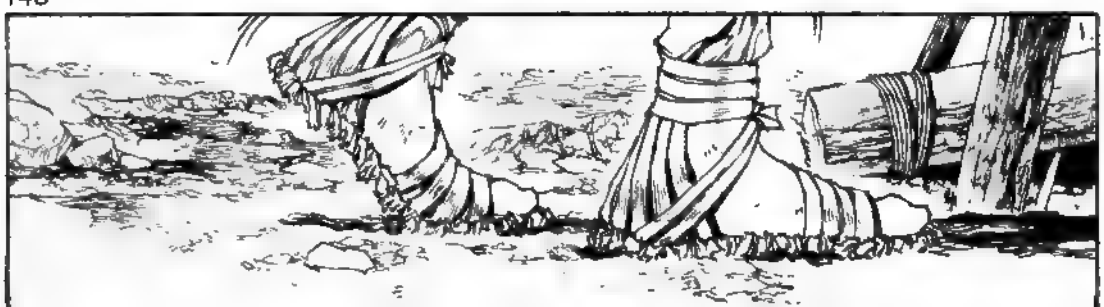
KRRRIK


HFF!
HFF!
WHUMP
틸썩

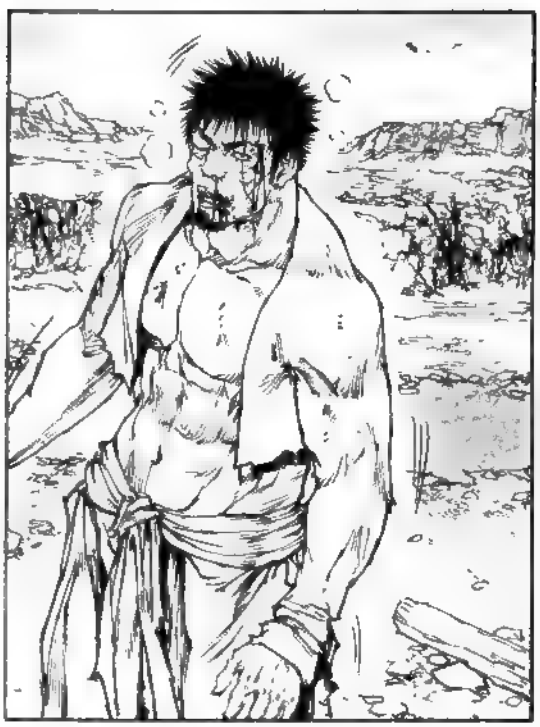
HFF!
하아
HFF!
하아

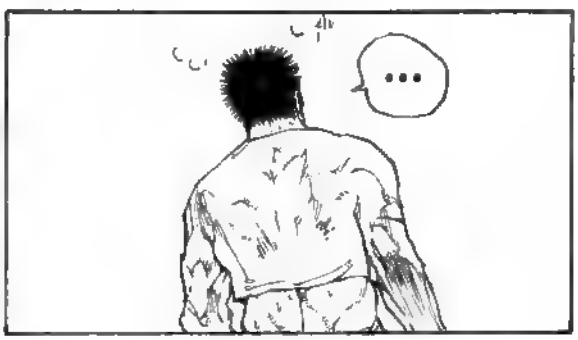


HRR!



YAKI...

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YAKI...

CHARACTER FILE
SECONDARY CHARACTER DESIGNS #7

DRIP PLIP
투둑

MASTER...

...DO YOU CRY FOR ME?

UWAAA...

WIPE

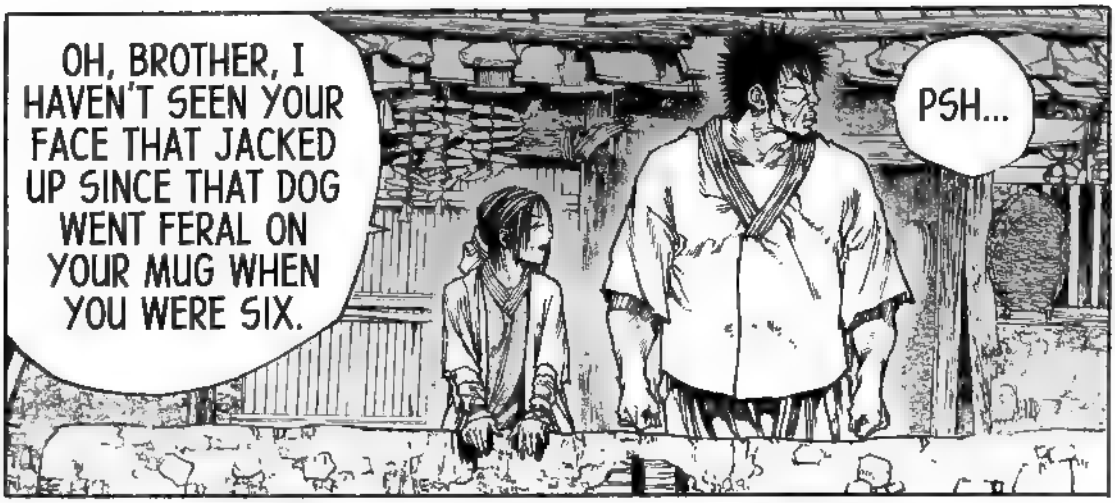
WIPE

DON'T CRY...

OOH...

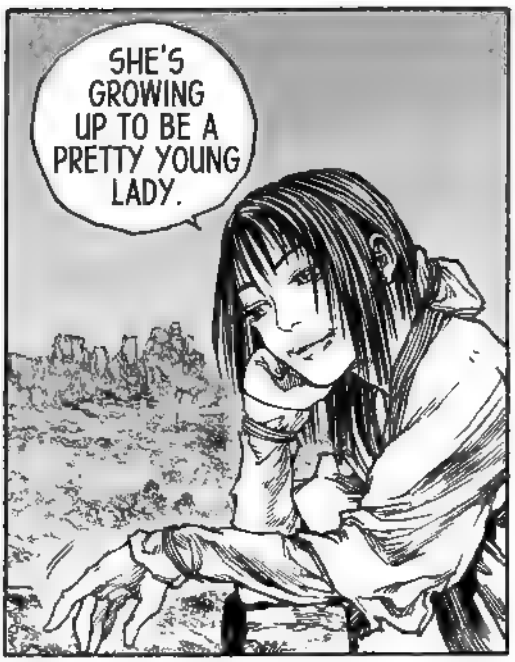
SNRFF
LOOK AT YOUR FACE!
SOB

...
SHFF 스윽
HOLY MAMA! HO--!
...
HAA! HEE HEE HEE!

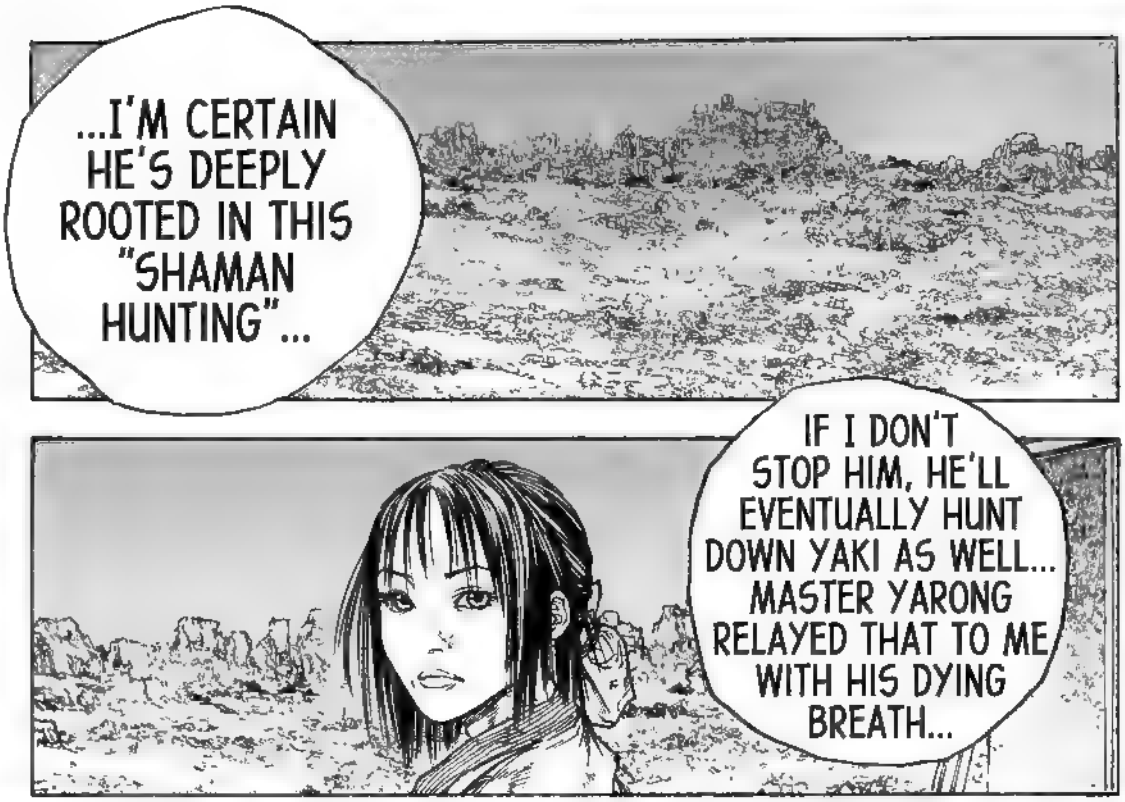

OH, BROTHER, I HAVEN'T SEEN YOUR FACE THAT JACKED UP SINCE THAT DOG WENT FERAL ON YOUR MUG WHEN YOU WERE SIX.
PSH...

IS SHE FINALLY ASLEEP?
YEAH.

POOR DEAR MUST BE EXHAUSTED.
SHE STUCK BY YOUR SIDE ALL DAY.


SHE'S GROWING UP TO BE A PRETTY YOUNG LADY.

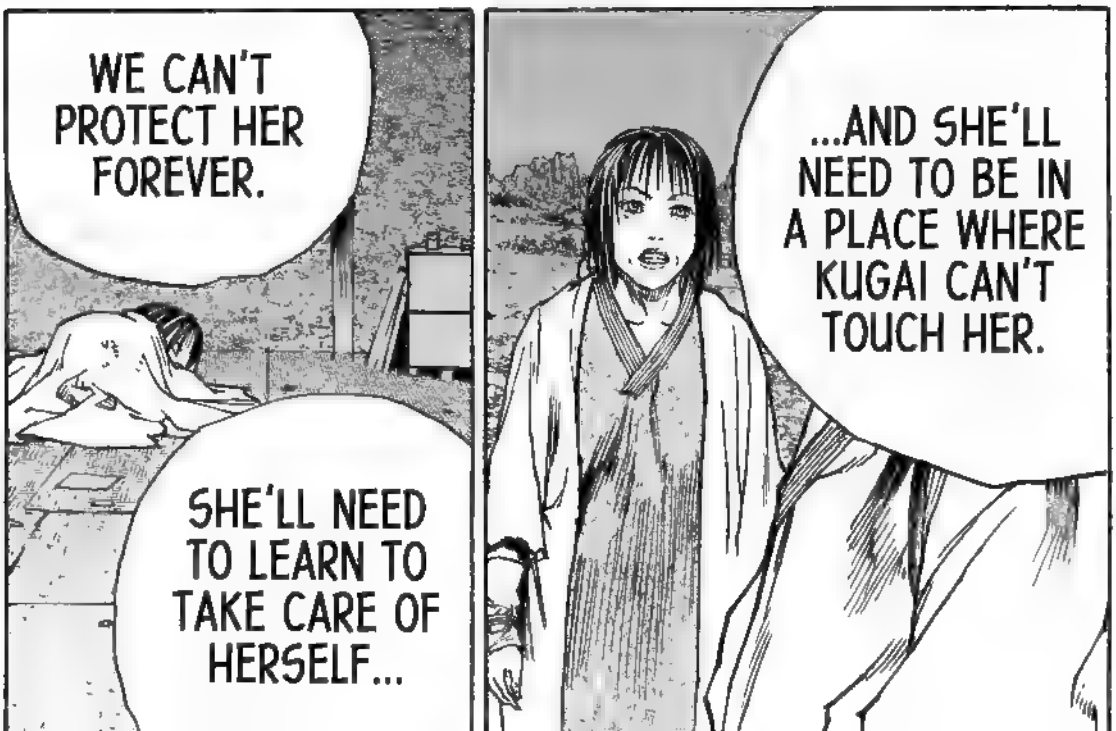
I CAN'T RAISE HER LIKE I DID BEFORE.
YOU MEAN NOW THAT THE KUGAI CLAN KNOWS OF HER EXISTENCE?
YEAH. WHICH IS WHY I'M ASKING YOU TO TAKE HER.
ME?
IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT HER SAFETY...
...SURELY SHE'D BE SAFER WITH BATU THE DESTROYER...
MASTER YARONG WAS KILLED DURING AN AMBUSH AT THE KUGAI BORDER. THE MAN WHO KILLED MY MASTER...


...I'M CERTAIN HE'S DEEPLY ROOTED IN THIS "SHAMAN HUNTING"...
IF I DON'T STOP HIM, HE'LL EVENTUALLY HUNT DOWN YAKI AS WELL... MASTER YARONG RELAYED THAT TO ME WITH HIS DYING BREATH...

GENJI...I MUST GO TO KUGAI.

BATU! I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN KEEP HER SAFE!
I HAVE A HARD ENOUGH TIME KEEPING *MYSELF* HIDDEN, LET ALONE A LITTLE GIRL...!
I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO TAKE CARE OF HER.
THEN WHO--?
I JUST WANT YOU TO DELIVER HER TO THE *BUTCHER CAMPS*.

WHA--?
ARE YOU TOTALLY INSANE ?!
HOW CAN YOU EVEN THINK OF SENDING HER TO A PLACE LIKE THAT?!


WE CAN'T PROTECT HER FOREVER.
SHE'LL NEED TO LEARN TO TAKE CARE OF HERSELF...
...AND SHE'LL NEED TO BE IN A PLACE WHERE KUGAI CAN'T TOUCH HER.

I...I WON'T BE A PART OF THIS.
IS...IS THAT...?
GENJI, YOU ONCE SWORE YOURSELF TO MY MASTER... IN BLOOD.

SHHF
THAT WAS A PROMISE BETWEEN MASTER YARONG AND ME. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU, BATU.

MASTER YARONG'S BLOOD IS STILL FLOWING, GENJI...
...AND I'M CERTAIN HE WOULD WANT YAKI TO BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF HERSELF.

YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAFELY TAKE HER THERE.

GENJI...I'M ASKING YOU TO PROTECT YAKI'S LIFE AS IF IT WAS YOUR OWN...

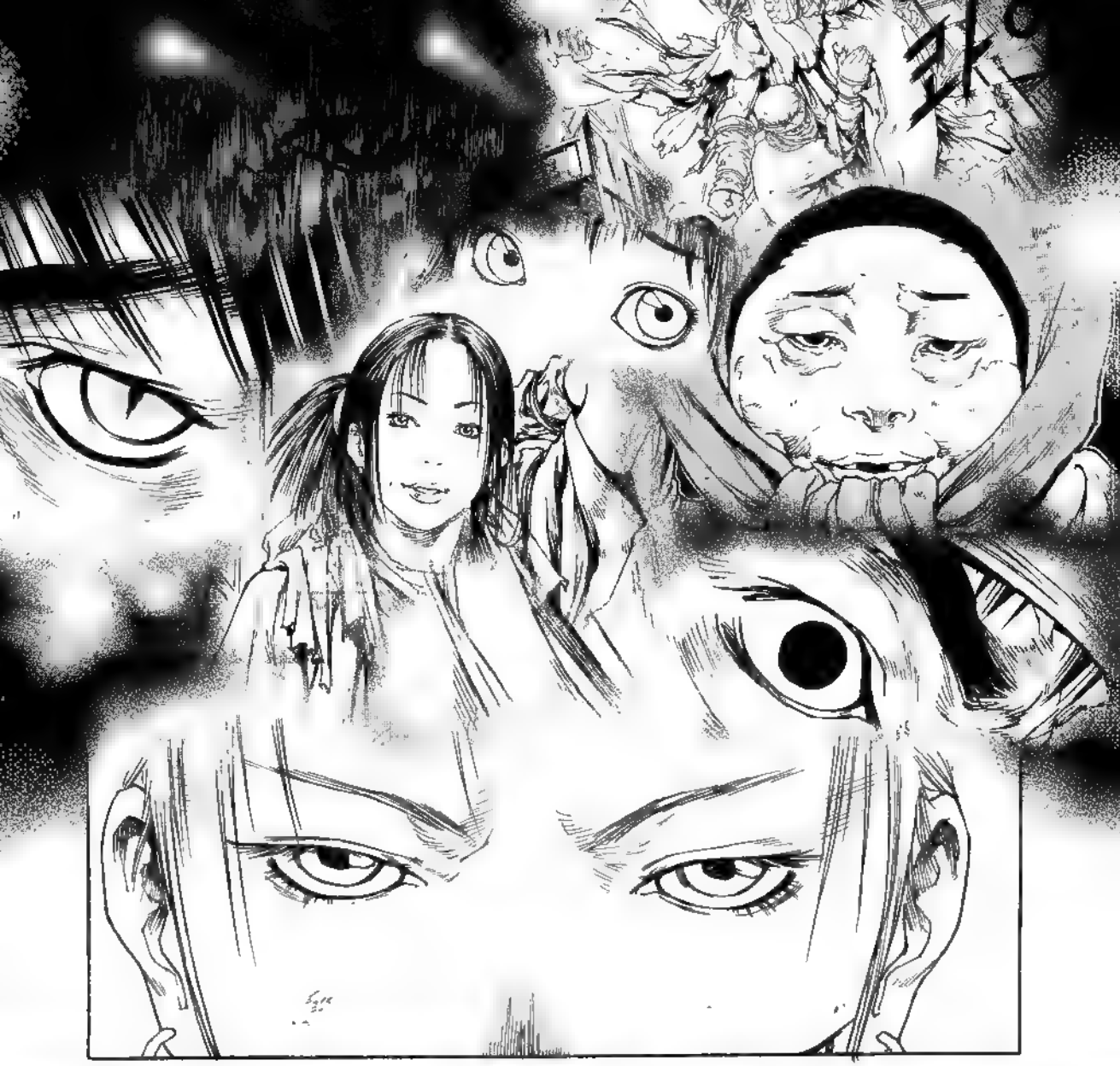
탁 SNATCH
뒤적 FWMP
FWMP 뒤적

IS THIS...IS THIS REALLY THIS LITTLE GIRL'S LIFE?
AND YOURS AND MINE.

HE'S GONE, MY LORD.
NEVER WOULDA THOUGHT SOMEONE COULD BREAK HIS NECK...

DAMN IT...WE ALL FAILED. DO YOU KNOW WHO KILLED HIM?

SHKK
ONE MORE MOVE AND THE NEXT ONE GOES TO YOUR NECK.



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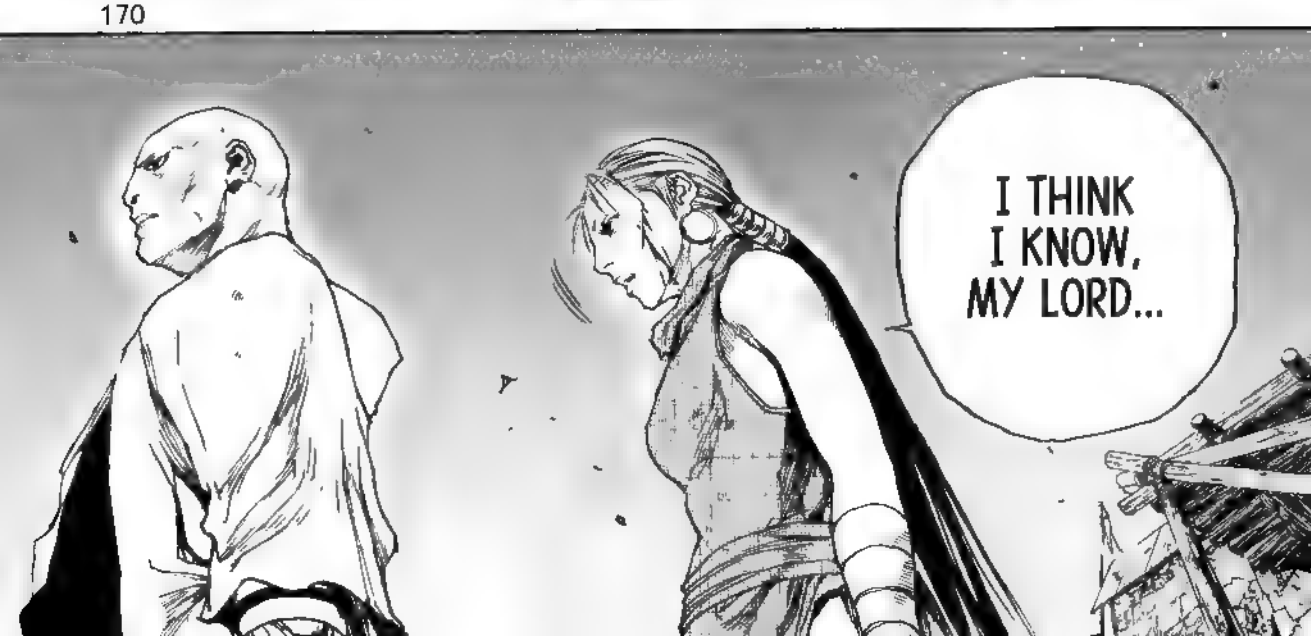
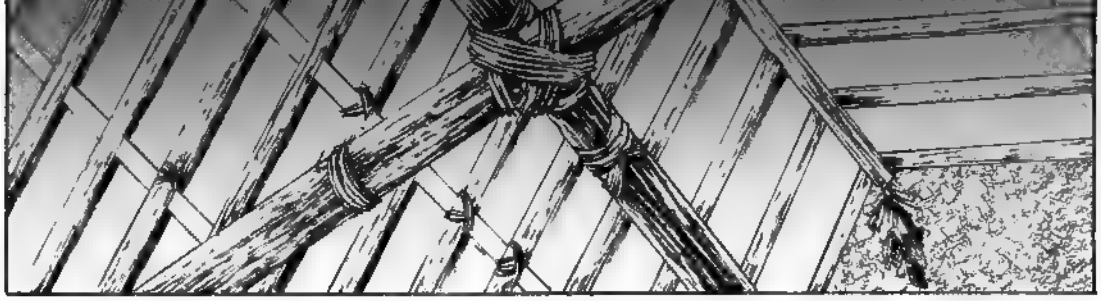




WSH

BATU, ARE YOU STILL HURTING A LOT?

STOP WORRYING AND GO TO SLEEP.
I'M FINE.

SEE, YOU'RE STILL HURTING A LOT...
...
GRRK!
꾸우

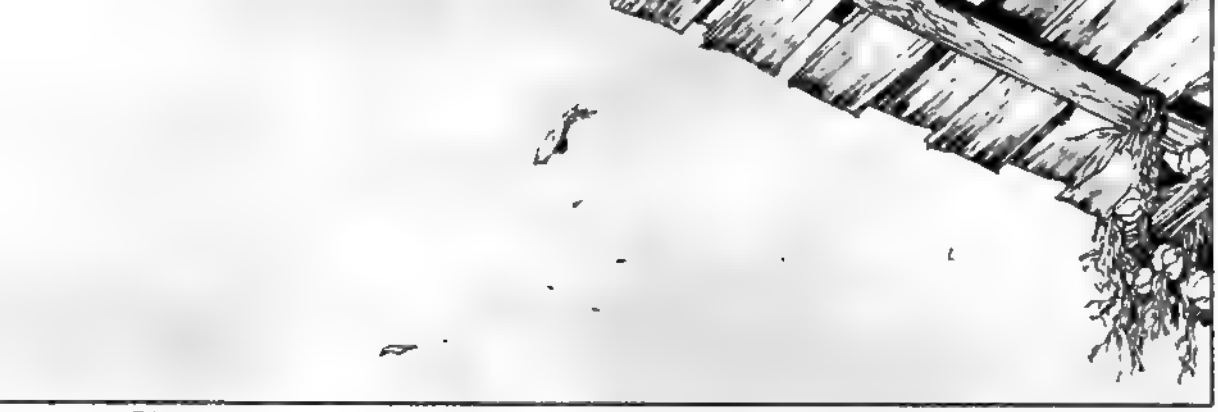
BATU, I WANNA SLEEP NEXT TO YOU.
I HAVE TO CHANGE YOUR BANDAGE IN THE MORNING, DON'T I?

FINE...
TMP
톡 씩
HEE!

NOW WHAT?
BATU...?
CAN I USE YOUR ARM AS A PILLOW?
HEE HEE!

EVERYTHING OKAY?
YUP...
HF! 허억
헉 HF!
HEH HEH HEH!

SHUFF
스윽



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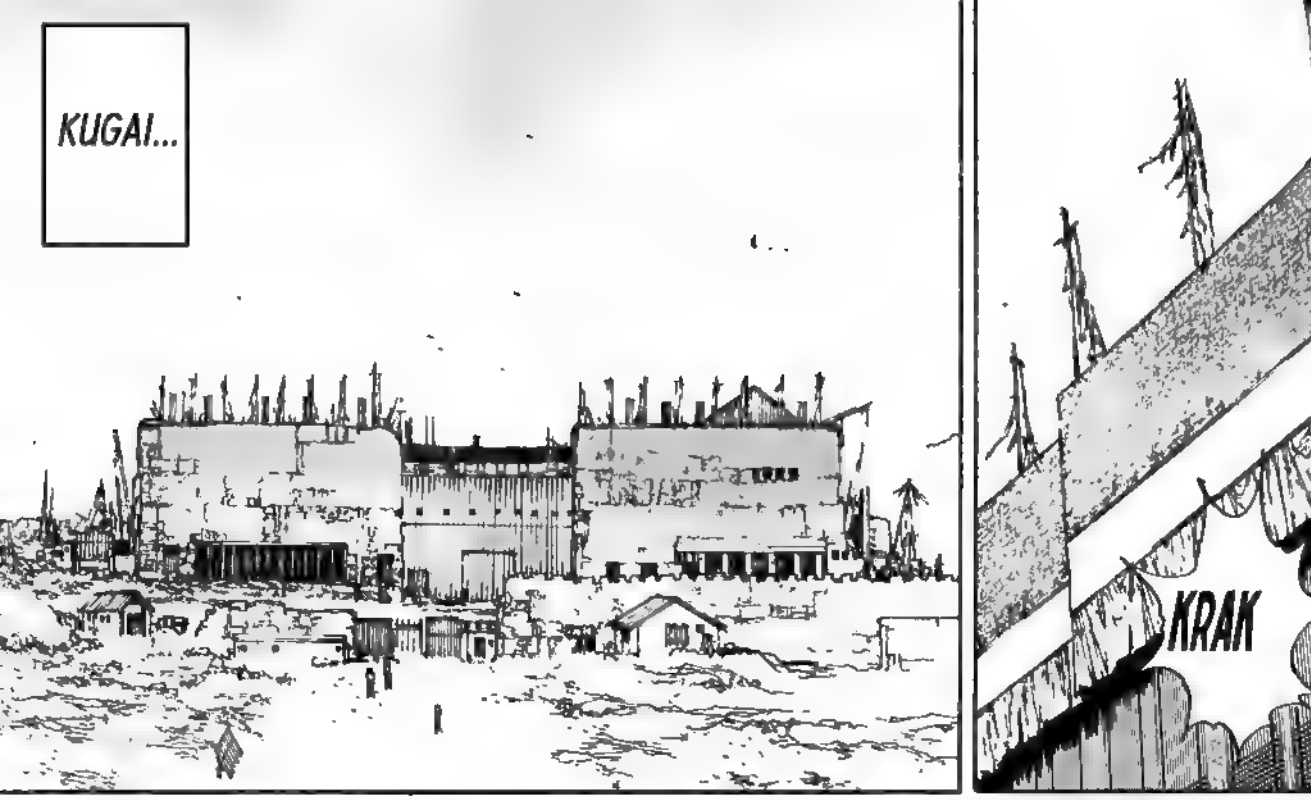
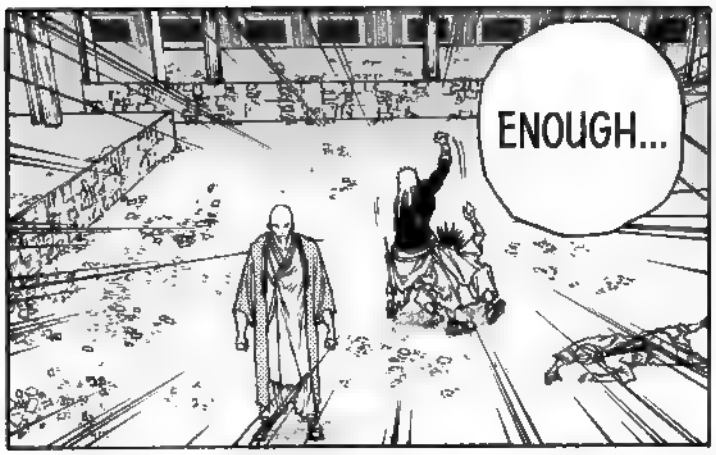

KUGAI...
KRAK

FWOO
KMPP

YAH!

BAP
WHAP

...
YOU PATHETIC LITTLE WEASELS! SAVING YOUR OWN WORTHLESS SKINS... THAT'S ALL YOU KNOW!
KRAK


ENOUGH...

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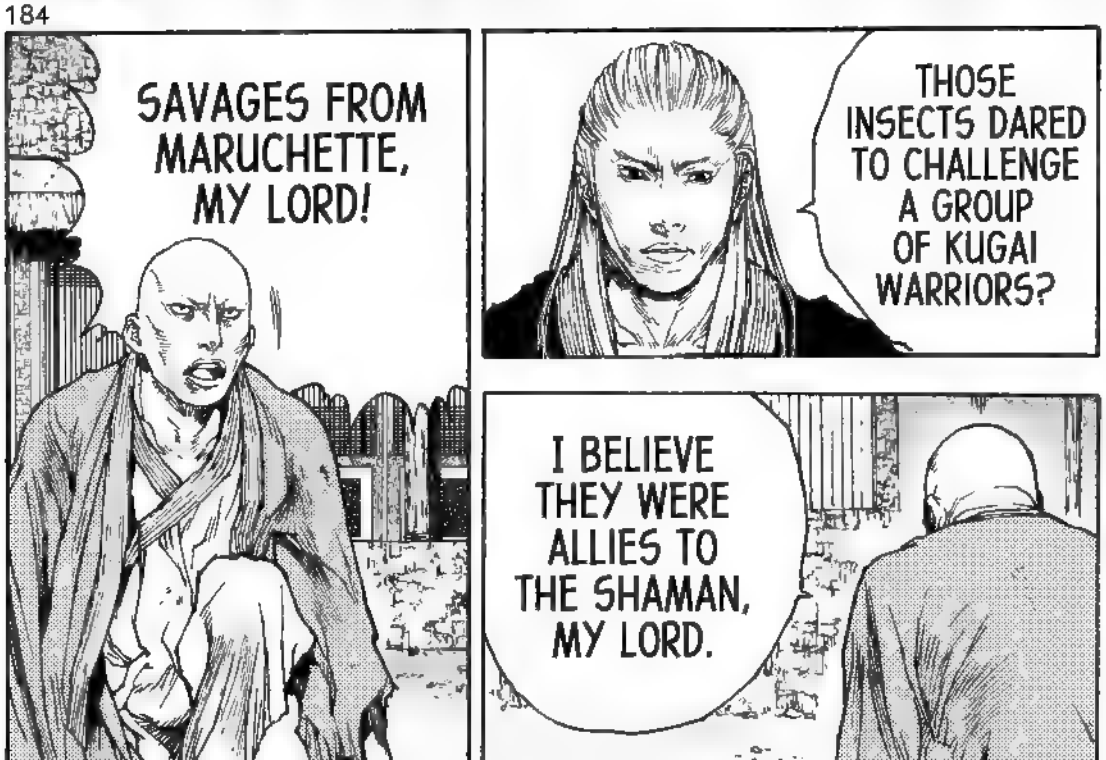
MY LORD!

GREETINGS, MY LORD YUDA. WARRIOR YURI REPORTING, SIR.
SO...I HEAR YOU JUST RETURNED FROM A SHAMAN HUNT IN MARUCHETTE...
YES, MY LORD...

WELL? REPORT.
WE FAILED, MY LORD.
NOT ONLY DID YOU FAIL, BUT YOU LOST ONE OF OUR BEST MEN! IS THAT CORRECT?
MY...MY LORD! WE ENCOUNTERED UNEXPECTED INTERFERENCE FROM--
THACK!

HKK!
MASTER YUDA DIDN'T ADDRESS YOU, WENCH.

INTERFERENCE...?

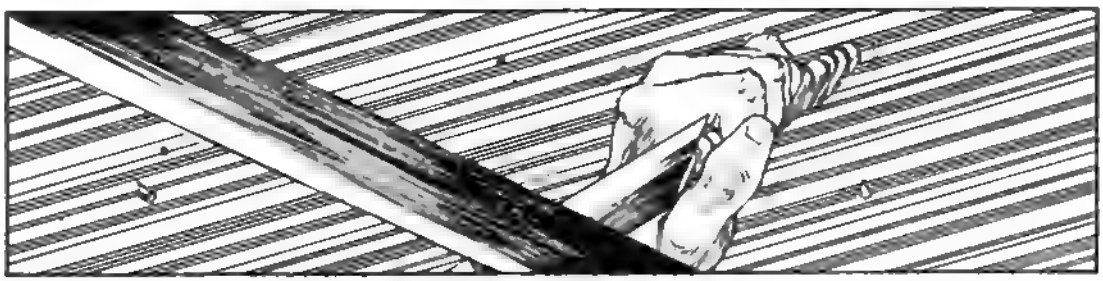

SAVAGES FROM MARUCHETTE, MY LORD!
THOSE INSECTS DARED TO CHALLENGE A GROUP OF KUGAI WARRIORS?
I BELIEVE THEY WERE ALLIES TO THE SHAMAN, MY LORD.

AM I TO BELIEVE THAT ALL THE TROOPS AT YOUR DISPOSAL WERE KILLED BY THE SHAMAN... AND YOU YOURSELF WERE FOILED BY A COUPLE OF SAVAGES?
ARE YOU CERTAIN YOU'RE WORTHY OF TAKING COMMANDS FROM THE KUGAI HOMELAND?

I DESERVE TO DIE, MY LORD!
DESERVE TO DIE...

IF YOU THINK YOU DESERVE TO DIE, THEN DIE YOU WILL!
SWOOSH

KTANGG



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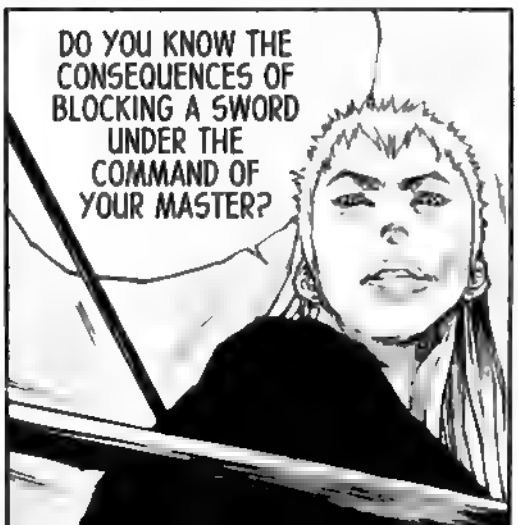

DO YOU KNOW THE CONSEQUENCES OF BLOCKING A SWORD UNDER THE COMMAND OF YOUR MASTER?

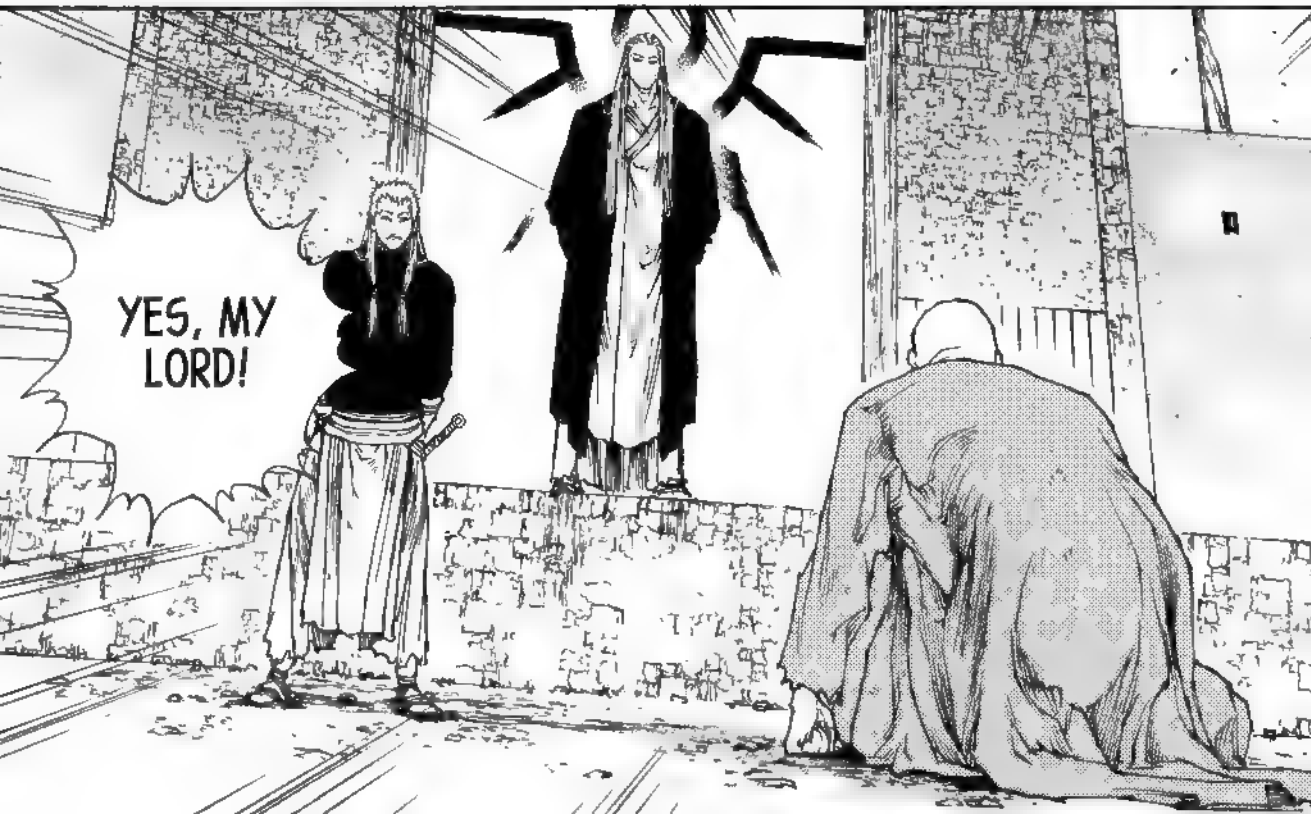
MY LORD! IF I MUST DIE, PLEASE GRANT ME A WARRIOR'S DEATH IN A FIGHT WITH ARAGORN!

SHEATH YOUR SWORD.
WOOSH

ARAGORN...
I ASSUME YOU MEAN ARAGORN, LEADER OF THE MANUTU CLAN?
YES, MY LORD!!
THE MESSENGER DIDN'T MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT YOU MEETING ARAGORN...

I THOUGHT IT WAS BETTER TO REPORT THAT TO YOU IN PERSON, MY LORD!

IS THAT RIGHT? DO TELL.


YES, MY LORD!

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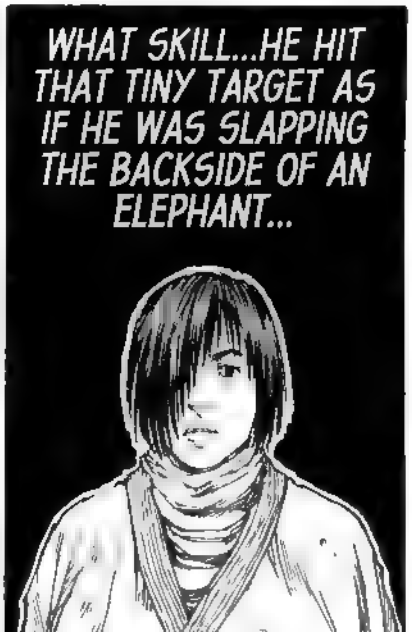
WOO! LOOK AT HIM FLY!


WHAT SKILL...HE HIT THAT TINY TARGET AS IF HE WAS SLAPPING THE BACKSIDE OF AN ELEPHANT...

HAVING FUN?
SIR, STRIKING LIZARDS IS HOW I SHOW MY HAPPINESS.
WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT, SHINGO?
FEH! YOU KNOW I'M TALKING ABOUT THE YOUNG MASTER, SIR.
ALL MY WORRIES EVAPORATED WHEN I SAW HIM THIS MORNING.

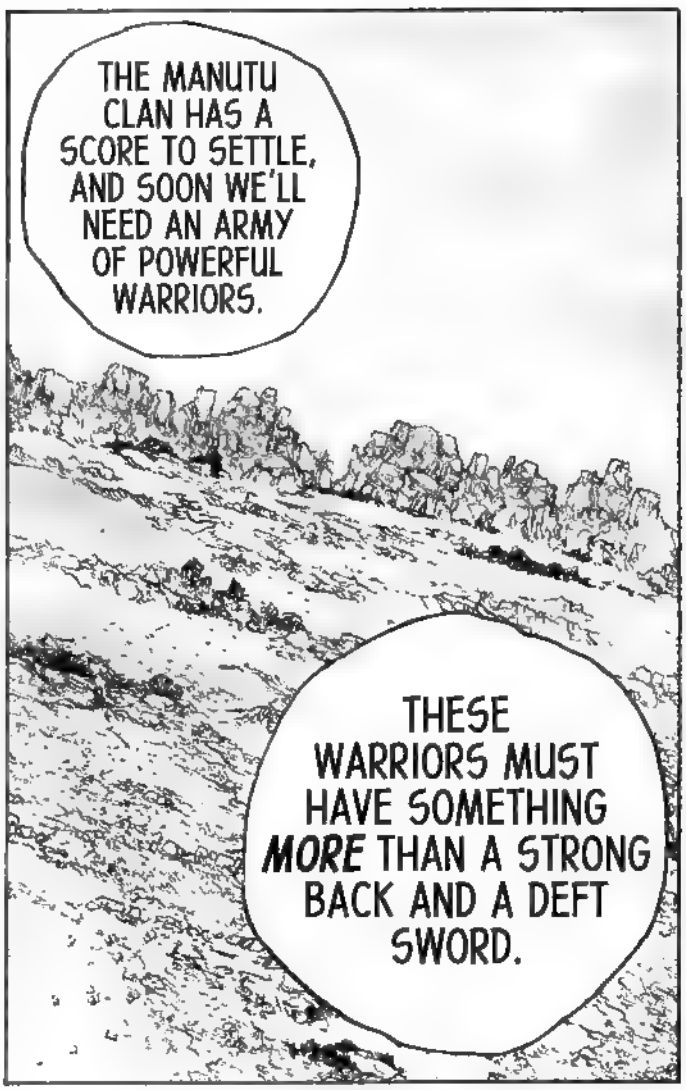
YOU'RE *STILL* THINKING ABOUT HIM?
SIR, THE YOUNG MASTER CRAWLED OUT OF A HOLE AND BECAME A GREAT LION.

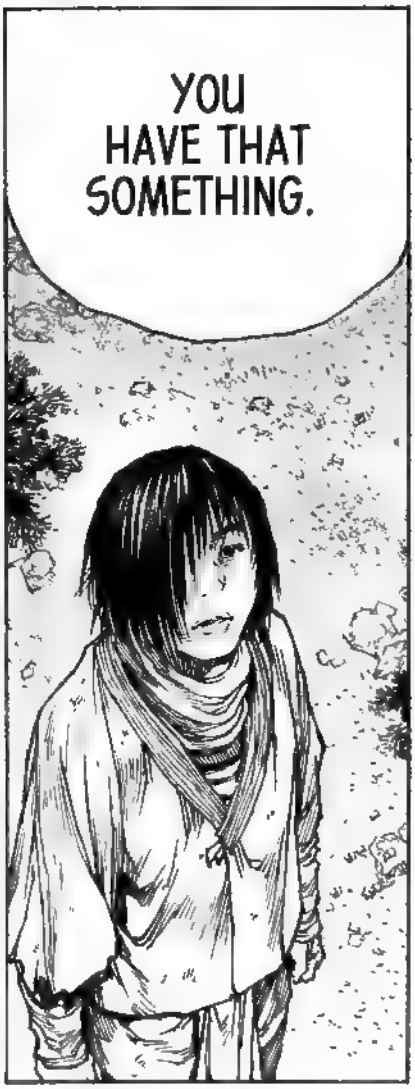
HEY, YOU WANT SOME SALT WATER?
I...I'M FINE, THANK YOU.
WHAT'S WRONG? AREN'T YOU THIRSTY?
PWAA HA HA HA! YOU'RE WAY TOO POLITE, KID! C'MON, TAKE A SWIG!
UH, NO, I JUST...I KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO GET SALT IN THE DESERT...
YOU'RE WORRYING ABOUT NUTHIN'! WE CAN GET SALT ANYTIME.

TELL ME, YOUNG SHAMAN...
...WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A WARRIOR IN THE MANUTU CLAN?
I HEARD THAT THE MANUTU CLAN WILL ACCEPT ANYONE WHO WANTS TO FIGHT, NO MATTER WHAT THEIR BACKGROUND.
SAY WHAT?
SURE, WE'RE ACTIVELY RECRUITING...
...BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE ACCEPT ANY BUM OFF THE STREET.

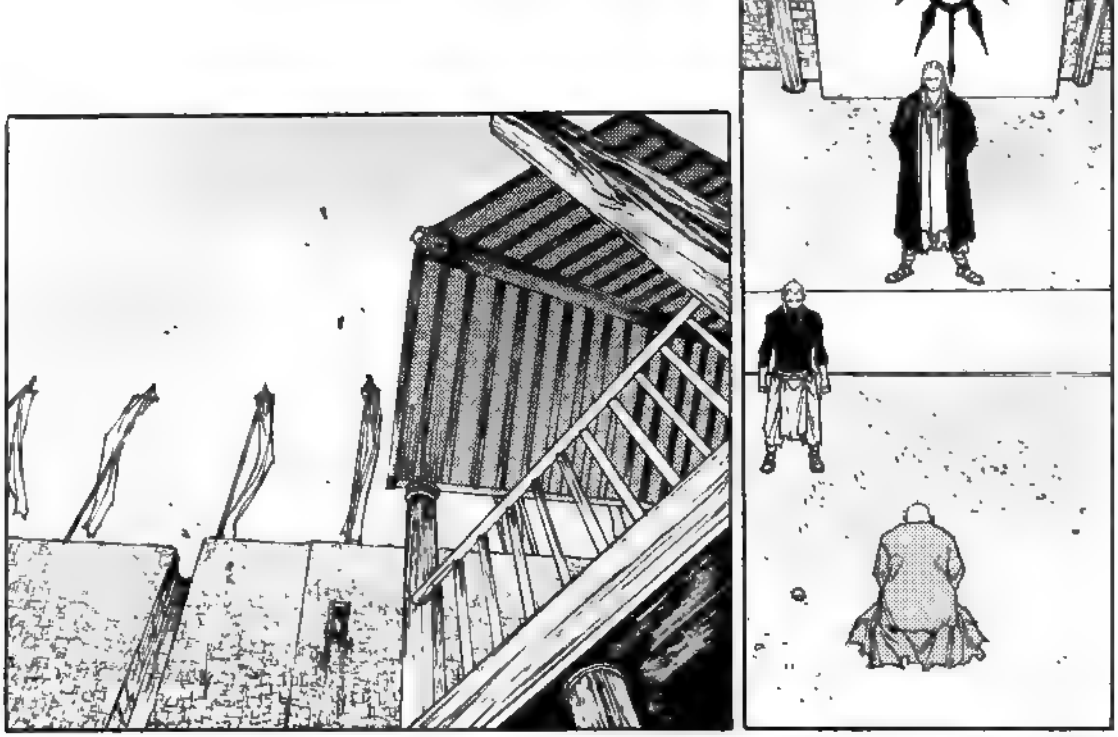
TRUE, WE DON'T CARE WHERE YOU COME FROM OR FROM WHOSE LOINS YOU SPROUTED, BUT THE MANUTU CLAN ONLY HAS ROOM FOR THOSE WHO ARE STRONG IN BODY...AND EVEN STRONGER IN SPIRIT.
BUT...NOT ONLY AM I A SHAMAN, I'M BEING HUNTED.
I'M NOT SURE IF I WOULD BE A HELP TO THE MANUTU CLAN... OR A DISABILITY...
YOU SAID YOUR NAME WAS *HORAKAAN*, RIGHT?
UH.. YES, SIR.

YOUR SHAMAN POWERS AREN'T THE ONLY REASON I ASKED YOU TO JOIN ME.

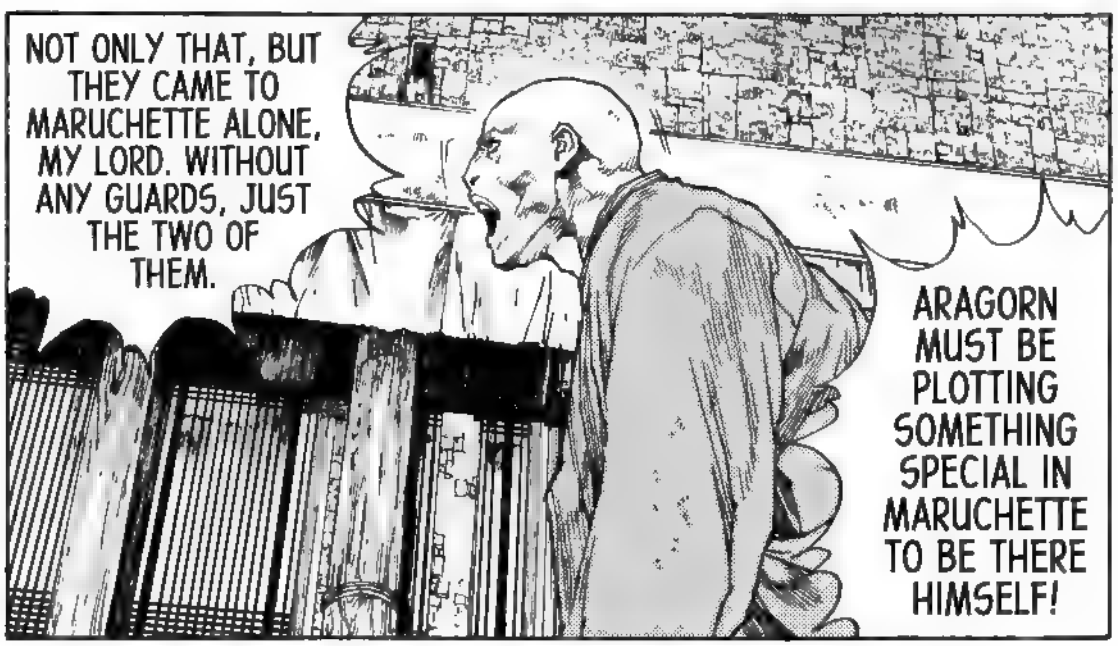

THE MANUTU CLAN HAS A SCORE TO SETTLE, AND SOON WE'LL NEED AN ARMY OF POWERFUL WARRIORS.
THESE WARRIORS MUST HAVE SOMETHING *MORE* THAN A STRONG BACK AND A DEFT SWORD.


YOU HAVE THAT SOMETHING.

M-ME, SIR?
YES! WHEN I FIRST LOOKED INTO YOUR EYES, I KNEW INSTANTLY THAT THEY WERE THE SAME AS MINE...
...EYES BURNING WITH HATRED FOR KUGAI!
EYES BURNING WITH HATRED FOR KUGAI...?



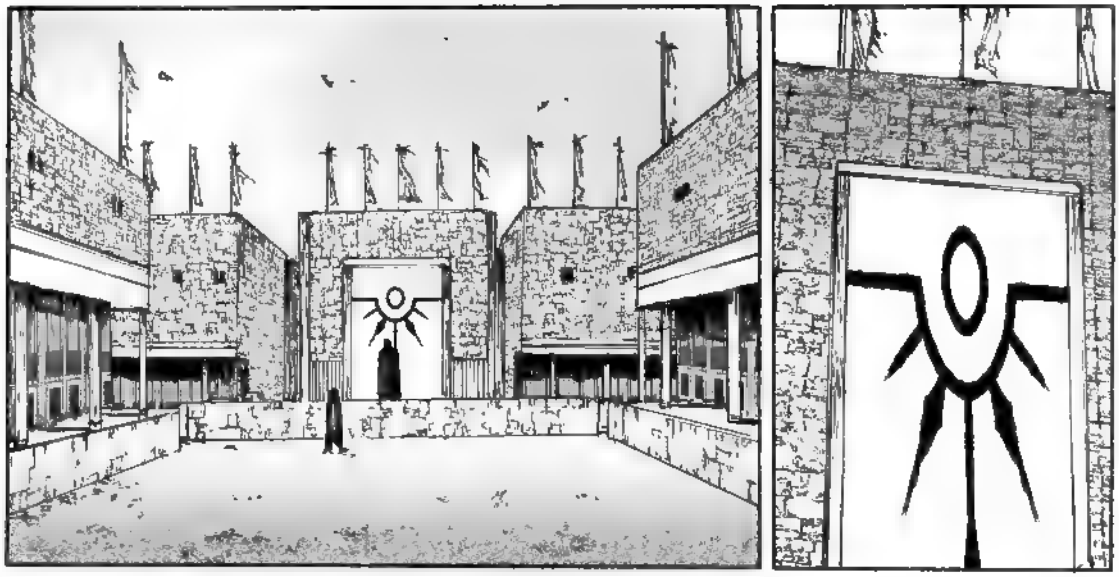
AHH HA HA! THAT'S A VERY INTERESTING STORY.

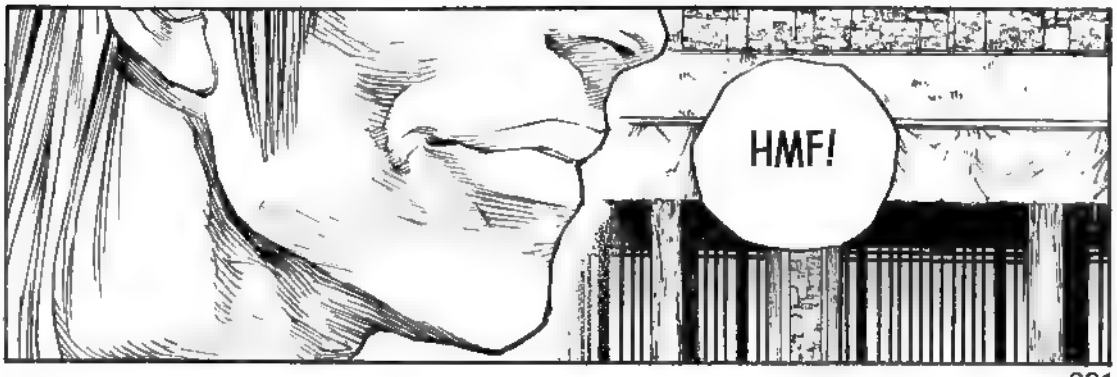

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT THEY CAME TO MARUCHETTE ALONE, MY LORD. WITHOUT ANY GUARDS, JUST THE TWO OF THEM.
ARAGORN MUST BE PLOTTING SOMETHING SPECIAL IN MARUCHETTE TO BE THERE HIMSELF!

MY LORD, I BEG YOU FOR ONE LAST CHANCE!
IF I AM TO DIE, AT LEAST ALLOW ME TO DIE A WARRIOR'S DEATH! WITH HONOR!

ALL RIGHT!
!
YES, MY LORD!
MY LIFE IS YOURS TO COMMAND!
RUN ALONG TO MARUCHETTE AND PROVE YOURSELF!

I AM YURI. I WILL NOT DIE SO EASILY. I WILL NOT DIE LIKE AN INSECT UNDER A HEEL.
TO MARUCHETTE! THE HUNT CONTINUES!
YES, MASTER!




HMF!

YURI, YOU WEASEL...
CAUGHT IN A CORNER, AND SOMEHOW HE MANAGED TO SLIP BY LIKE ALWAYS.

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I'm crossing this river
Looking for treasures in my heart.

—Park Joong-Ki

NAJU CAVE...
RED DIRT
I'VE SPENT TEN MONTHS TRYING MY BEST TO BE A POPULAR ARTIST...
I EVENTUALLY LOST MY APPETITE FOR WARM SOUP...
RICE
KIMCHEE
MEMORIES OF FRIENDS HAVE ERODED AWAY...
MNCH
MNCH
NOW I LIVE SOLELY ON BEER, COFFEE, RICE WITH SOY SAUCE, AND KIMCHEE...
MNCH
MNCH
...AND MY APPEARANCE HAS BEEN IRREVOCABLY ALTERED...
HSS!!
*NOTE TO BEGINNING CARTOONISTS: STOP READING RIGHT NOW!
THEN ONE DAY...
MY MILKSHAKE BRINGS ALL THE BOYS TO THE YARD!
SCRITCH
SCRATCH
♪ AND THEY'RE, LIKE, IT'S BETTER THAN YOURS! ♪
HM???
...

I'M HERE!
GASP!
WHEN IS THE DEADLINE? WE MUST BE POPULAR!
I...I'M STILL ON BOOK THREE!
I NEED MORE TIME...THE EDITOR WANTS ME UP TO BOOK FIVE ALREADY.
....
BITE BITE BITE
BITE BITE BITE BITE
CARTOONING IS THE ONLY PATH TO OUR DREAM... OUR PRECIOUS... FORGET ABOUT YOUR LIFE!
OUR DREAM? OUR PRECIOUS?
MONEY! GIRLS! VIDEO GAMES!
MONEY? GIRLS? VIDEO GAMES?
WE CAN HAVE IT ALL! EVERYTHING WE'VE EVER DREAMED OF!
EVERYTHING? ALL FOR ME?
. . . .
NO, NO! OURS, OF COURSE! OURS!
KHEE HEE HEE!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THERE, JOONG-KI?
DING DONG DING DONG DING DONG DINGDONGDINGDONG
JOONG-KI'S BIG BROTHER, YOUNG-OH
!
HURRY UP! OPEN THE DOOR! YOU'RE SEEING THINGS!
BANG
I SAID-- OPEN THE DOOR!
YOUNG-OH'S STYLE!
THIS IS AN INSPECTION!
BANG
SHHHH!
DAMN IT, OPEN UP!
BAM BAM
OH, BOY! YOUNG-OH, BIG BROTHER! YOU'RE HERE!
SKIP
SKIP
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO GET SOME EXERCISE.
YESSS YESSS! KHEE HEE HEE! JOONG-KI LIKE FITNESS CENTER!
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I'LL PROBABLY GET FIRED IF I EVER DRAW LIKE THIS AGAIN...

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